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OUR PLACE OF WORSHIP

Most wonderous is of all the earth
The kingdom Jesus founded.
Its glory, peace and precious worth
No tongue has fully sounded.

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Dedication

To the charter members who, because of their Christian faith, felt moved to organize and build a Lutheran Church for themselves and for those who should come after them, and to all who have been and are members of this Church, children and adults, the living and the departed, we gratefully and respectfully dedicate this booklet in commemorating the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the church. May we, the living, by the grace of God, carry forward the work the charter members established, and dedicate ourselves to the great task of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. —The Committee.

Rev. Christian G. Olson
and Family

A Greeting from Our Pastor

Grace and Peace be unto you all!

It is with profound gratitude to God that we now celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of Calvary church. Who of us can fully understand what God had done for us through our beloved church! Here we were privileged to bring our little ones to the Lord in Holy Baptism. Here they were later instructed in the Christian faith and confirmed. Here many a marriage vow has been sanctified at the altar. Here the solace of God's Word has been given to the brokenhearted and bereaved. Yes, here we have been comforted in sorrow, guided in perplexity, rebuked in sin, and inspired in service. Here souls have been saved and lives have been won for Christ. Surely our hearts must be dead this day if we are not moved to say with the Psalmist:

"Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good;
For his mercy endureth forever".

But if this is a time of thanksgiving it is also a time for self-examination. Do you dear member of Calvary Church really possess these treasures of grace so freely offered to us through the church? Are you truly saved, and have you definitely accepted God's will for your life? Only then can you celebrate this seventy-fifth anniversary with real thanksgiving and joy. For, "How shall we sing the song of the Lord in a strange land"?

However, if God's will is to be fully accomplished, this must also be a time of rededication of ourselves to God and the work of his Kingdom. Never did the world need Christ more than it needs him now in this sinful, chaotic, communistic, atomic age. We must bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ. We must begin at home with our children, our friends and our neighbors. We must extend our efforts to the ends of the earth. There is much work to be done, and God is calling us to do it. Let us therefor do it, for "Only what's done for Christ will last".

And so with real thanksgiving, and earnest self-examination, and wholehearted dedication of ourselves to God let us observe this seventy-fifth anniversary of Calvary Congregation.

Your pastor,
Christian G. Olson

CHURCH HISTORY

INTRODUCTION

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This is the promise Christ made to those who were to carry on His work in the world. No other institution but the Christian Church, past or present, ever stood on such a promise from the lips of The Prince of Peace. When we consider the three fundamental institutions of society—the home, the school, and the church—none is of such far-reaching consequence.

In thinking of far-reaching consequence, we should think not only of the church as a whole but upon the church which is ours, upon which we are about to dwell in this anniversary booklet. It is not easy to sum up these consequences so that we may look at them and say, "See what has been done". We cannot count the number of drifting souls who found the Light, or the number of fainting souls who took on courage, or the number of young who were inspired to live their lives in the service of the Master. The light of this courage and inspiration has shone forth from these individuals wherever they have gone; who can measure how far? Because the Norwegian pioneers had the spiritual Light of courage and inspiration to serve God from their home church in Norway they organized such congregations here. Who can measure how deep into the future this Light will shine?

It is with a feeling of reverence and gratitude that we begin dwelling upon the history of our congregation; reverence because of the sanctity of the church founded upon the command and promise of Christ Himself, and gratitude because of what the Light of this congregation has meant to us of our generation. The blessing of the Lord rests upon His church: "Lo, I am with you always, even into the end of the world."

Synodical Affiliations

As a background, we should know something of the Synod to which our church is anchored. Organized church work among the Norwegian Lutherans in America began about the year 1843. There were two tendencies that prevailed in this movement, namely that of the "high churchly" and the "low churchly". A faction of this latter group formed what came to be known as the Scandinavian Augustana Synod. The Norwegians in this Synod because of language difficulties formed a Synod of their own known as the Norwegian Augustana Synod. This Synod built a school, which was the beginning of Augsburg College and Seminary, at Marshall, Wisconsin. Professor Wenaas was its first and only teacher for a period of years. In 1870 the more "high-churchly" element requested membership in this same Synod. As a result the Norwegian Augustana Synod dissolved and became known as "The Norwegian-Danish Conference". Because a small faction would not accept the decision Augsburg was moved to its present location in Minneapolis.

In 1890 three Synods united into one. The above Norwegian-Danish Conference, the small faction that still called themselves the Norwegian Augustana Synod and the Anti-Missourian Brotherhood. This new synod became known as the United Church (Forenede

Kirke). In 1890 to 1893 there developed a rift between the United Church and Augsburg, the latter minority group being known as the "Friends of Augsburg". The Calvary Lutheran Church decided to stand by Augsburg, and it was one of the churches that afterwards in 1897 formed the Lutheran Free Church. It should be borne in mind that the Lutheran Free Church is not an incorporated Synod but is peculiar to other such groups in that it is an association or federation of congregations and remains unincorporated.

Organization

The Calvary Lutheran Church was organized on December 20th, 1872 through the efforts of Rev. T. H. Dahl, who was the pioneer Conference minister in this county, and organized more congregations than any other. The name adopted was "The Norwegian-Danish

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Evangelical Lutheran Church". (The congregation at their regular annual meeting Jan. 22, 1943 voted to change this name to The Calvary Lutheran Church, which name was legally adopted). Iver Olson, Nels Hanson and Dr. Rönning were elected Deacons. For the next two years services were held in the courthouse and in private homes. On June 26, 1874 it was decided to build a church. Incorporation was

effected Aug. 20, 1874. The first board of directors were O. B. Glarum, John Paulson and A. P. Quam. The new church, 40x28x14 feet, located at First Street and Litchfield Avenue, was dedicated on the second Sunday in Advent, 1874, by Rev. Sven Oftedahl, assisted by Rev. O. Paulson. On May 21, 1877 it was unanimously resolved to join the "Conference of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of America". That body held its annual meeting in Willmar in June of that year. Delegates representing 221 congregations in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Dakota, were present and addresses were given by leading divines. The church was too small for the big gathering so they built a platform on each side of the church and took out the windows so that the people on the outside could hear. In 1887 an addition of twenty feet was built to the church.

More About Synodical Affiliations

On Oct. 22, 1889, the congregation voted to join the United Lutheran Church, the Conference being one of the church bodies that united to form that organization. Some trouble soon arose between the Conference members and the other bodies of the United Church in regard to the disposition of Augsburg College and Seminary. On September 1, 1893 the Willmar congregation resolved by a vote of 31 to 3 to stand by Augsburg. By this act it practically separated from the United Church, and it was one of the churches that afterwards formed the Lutheran Free Church, of which body it is still a member. That organization, then known as "The Friends of Augsburg", held its annual meeting in Willmar in June, 1895. There were in attendance 61 ministers and 419 lay delegates. The sessions were held in the old roller skating rink located south of the present Bank of Willmar. The following were elected officers: Prof. G. Sverdrup, President; Rev. M. Falk Gjertsen, vice president; Rev. E. E. Gynild, secretary; H. Yderstad, assistant secretary. The subject for discussion was "Revival and Laymen's work". The following were consecrated to the ministry: Halvor Jenson, Benjamin Andreas Sand, Tobias Tekse, Eberg Christian Tollefson, and Hans A. Urseth. The feature of the meeting was the visit of Missionary Lars Skrefsrud, who delivered a powerful sermon at an open air meeting held on S. S. Glarum's lawn.

The efforts to make a settlement with the "majority" proving unavailing, the next annual meeting of the "minority" appointed a committee to draft a constitution and said constitution was adopted at the meeting held in Minneapolis in 1897, when the organization took the name of the Lutheran Free Church. Rev. E. E. Gynild took an active part in the organization and was elected its president in 1902. In 1901 the Willmar congregation entertained the annual meeting of the Lutheran Free Church, the sessions being held in the Seminary Hall of The Willmar Seminary. There was a large attendance, taxing the seating capacity of the hall. Rev. Gynild, then pastor of the Willmar congregation, preached a strong missionary sermon. Rev. E. P. Harbo of Duluth, was elected president for the ensuing year. The principal business before the meeting was to raise funds for a new building for Augsburg Seminary. It was resolved to raise $19,000.00 for that purpose. The Madagascar mission was also discussed. The following theological students were consecrated to the ministry: Olaus A. Aasen,

Erick A. Erickson, Peder M. Fosse, Olaf E. Haaheim, Ludvig F. Johnson, Peder O. Laurhammar, Nicolay Nilsen, Asmund Oftedahl, Johannes Skonnsrud, Christian S. Vang, Peder S. Vang, and Henry K. Ytrehus.

Building of Present Church

In 1900 the question of building a new church began to be discussed, the congregation having outgrown its old church. The following persons were appointed a committee to solicit funds for that purpose: Erick Holt, S. S. Glarum, Martinus Hanson, E. E. Gynild, and Ole R. Sletten. The several church societies also began to raise funds for the same purpose. It was resolved to build a solid brick structure on the site of the first church. The work was begun in the spring of 1903 and was finished before Thanskiving Day that year. The total cost of the building and furnishings was $12,054.97. In the summer of 1904 new pews were provided, bringing the total cost to about $13,000.00.

The church, however, was not dedicated until June 21st, 1904. Prof. Sven Oftedahl delivered the dedicatory sermon. A choir of seventeen voices, led by Student Martin Bjornson, was organized for this special occasion and rendered several selections. Special meetings were also held in which the following pastors took part: C. Mohr, of Lake Lillian; J. S. Strand, of Milwaukee, Wis.; S. Oftedahl, of Minneapolis; M. M. Midthun, of New London; O. L. Torvig, of Morris; A. J. Vigestad, of Benson; and J. M. Carlson, of Clinton. Prof. Oftedahl gave a farewell sermon in the evening in which he gave some reminiscenses from former visits to Willmar. He gave the people of Willmar and surrounding community great credit for their loyal support to Augsburg and the Lutheran Free Church movement. He recalled the days of twenty-seven years before when the grain fields in this area were black from devastation of the grasshoppers and the outlook was most discouraging along pecuniary lines. The congregation voted that Augsburg College must live, and pledged $16,000.00 to its support; which amount was duly raised.

The first wedding held in the new church was that of Hans Magnus Sletten and Inga Newman, which was held October 31st, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Sletten are still loyal and active members of Calvery Church. One of their sons, Earl, has been consecrated to the ministry, and one daughter, Irene, is a missionary.

In 1905 the Willmar congregation entertained the annual national convention of the Lutheran Free Church. The meetings were held in the new church. There were about 330 delegates present and it was one of the most successful meetings ever held both in point of attendance and the benefits derived from the different sessions. The meeting served its purpose, to give the members of the church an opportunity to come together and exchange ideas, to acquaint them with the efforts of the workers in the different fields and the condition of the church body and to give them spiritual advice and encouragement that they may continue, with more unity and earnestness the work for righteousness and truth. The following were consecrated into the ministry: J. P. Leeland, Carl Nordberg and John S. Paulson. In 1911 the annual meeting of said church body was again held in Willmar. The meetings were held in the Willmar Assembly

Park Auditorium. Some over 500 delegates were present from all parts of the Northwest and the Pacific Coast. The old leaders of the church, Profs. Georg Sverdrup and Sven Oftedahl were not there, in person, due to their passing away; but the vacancies caused by the demise of these giants were filled by determined and enthusiastic younger men. The following graduates of Augsburg Seminary were ordained into the ministry: Lewis F. Hanson, Hogbart Hemmingson, Hans O. Lee, Ingvald Tvedt, and Lars Tysseland. Rev. Paul Winther was elected president. It was brought out that about half of the ministers of the Lutheran Free Church receive less than $500.00 a year as salary. The most important matter under consideration was the raising of an endowment fund for Augsburg College. The amount was set at $100,000.00. A very happy spirit for future progress was manifested among delegates and pastors present.

In 1916 the Lutheran Free Church again convened in Willmar for its annual meeting. The meetings were again held in the Willmar Park Assembly Auditorium. This church body is the most democratic in its organization of any of the Lutheran churches. Any member of a local church has the right to attend the annual meeting and has a voice in its doings, if desired. A notable feature of the meeting was the visit of missionary P. O. Bodding, who is head of the Mission of the Northern Churches in Santalistan, India. Rev. E. E. Gynild was re-elected president. The following candidates were ordained into the ministry: Abraham Moen, Jens K. Nygaard, Carl Oscar Paulson, Johan R. H. Reitan, Albert Christian Rykken, Paul Bernard Ronning, Austin L. L. Stowell, and Thomas Tharaldsen. Rev. O. H. Sletten was the ordainer. Then in 1926 the Willmar congregation again was host to the annual convention of the Lutheran Free Church. Meetings were again held in the Willmar Park Assembly Auditorium. Rev. E. E. Gynild, president of said church body, presided. Rev. M. B. Michaelson, of Marinette, Wis., and a former pastor of the Willmar congregation, delivered the opening address. Over 600 delegates and pastors were present. A firm stand for prohibition was advocated. The following graduates of Augsburg Seminary were consecrated to the ministry: E. F. Brandt, C. I. Ostby, and Jonas Helland. Rev. T. O. Burntvedt gave a stirring address on the subject: "Upbuilding of the Congregation".

Again in 1933 it was the privilege of the Willmar congregation to be hosts to the Lutheran Free Church in their annual convention. The meeting was held in the church, but for lack of space some sessions were held in the Bethel Church and some in the Vinje Church. Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, president of that church body, presided. He was reelected for another term of three years. The Calvary Male Chorus furnished music at several of the sessions. Visitors were mainly from the Western and North Central part of the United States and Canada. The following graduates of Augsburg Seminary were ordained into the ministry: Joseph Melby, Walter Mohn Pederson, Malvin Rossing, and Warren Hanson. Notwithstanding the drought, which had caused serious financial conditions, it was the sense of this meeting that this Conference had been blessed with a spirit of Christian humility, faith and courage. An earnest purpose to labor more zealously than ever for the cause of Christ had characterized the Conference. The last time the Annual Conference of the Lutheran Free

Church was held in Willmar was in 1944. Dr. T. O. Burntvedt, the president, was in charge. Rev. Olaf Rogne preached the introductory sermon. Due to lack of space some sessions were held in the Bethel Church, the Vinje Church, and the First Presbyterian Church. The building program for Augsburg and Oak Grove was endorsed, and a committee to direct the ingathering of funds for the new building projects was elected. A resolution against the manufacture, sale, and use of 3.2 per cent beer was adopted, urging every means to be used to fight against this traffic, especially in this crucial period when our nation is engaged in this tremendous conflict, of World War II. The following students of Theology were consecrated into the ministry: Silas E. Erickson, Orville R. Kleppe, Albert S. Olson, Lawrence R. Rasmussen, Karl I. Stendal, John P. Strand, Merton P. Strommen, and Erling M. Tungseth. The ordination exercises were held in the Willmar Memorial Auditorium. In his closing remarks to the Conference Dr. Burntvedt said, "This has been a forward looking Conference. We have seen visions, our horizon has been widened, our thinking and action have been directed forward. Have we counted the cost? Only in the power of God shall we go forth to accomplish the tasks before us".

In 1936 a new heating plant was installed in the Calvary church, and the basement was completely remodeled to provide more room for the Sunday School and more conveniences in the kitchen. New steps to the church auditorium were also built at this time. The church is crowded to capacity at every regular Sunday morning service. On special occasions, like Christmas Day and Easter, two regular services (one at 9:30 a. m. and one at 11:00 a. m.) are held. The question of building an addition to the church is now being discussed, and steps are taken to provide means for this purpose. In Calvary, as in all the Lutheran churches in America, the change from the use of a foreign language to American has made rapid strides the last years; the American language is now used exclusively. In addition to the Week Day School, or released time from the public schools, we continue the summer vacation Bible school which we still hold in reverent regard.

The passionate concern of the spiritual shepherds of Calvary has not been that of numerical growth nor organization, but the winning of souls for the Kingdom of God.

The total membership as of January 1st, 1947 was 908 souls.

The first child baptized in the congregation was Eli Nilson, April 19th, 1874. Martin Leaf, now residing in Willmar, was the second child to be baptized, September 6th, 1874. The total number of children baptized up to October 1st, 1947 is 1991.

The first funeral was that of Petra Augusta Paulson, daughter of Rev. O. Paulson, age three and one-half years, December 30th, 1875. The total number of funerals up to October 1st, 1947 is 1002.

The first couple married was Peter Wick and Maren C. Hof, September 14th, 1873. The total number of marriages up to October 1st, 1947 is 738.

Interesting Facts from Secretaries' Minutes

1909 was the year when the last 'klokker' could be secured; then for a few years no one felt qualified, so in 1913 through 1916 G. O. Sand served as 'Forsanger'. The first cantor was paid $10.00 a year. The first janitor $5.00 a year.

In April 1916 it was decided to let women have the right to vote on matters concerning the yearly annual convention.

In 1934 the secretary's minutes are recorded in the English language for the first time. Records show that Martin C. Nelson served as Secretary of the congregation for 25 years. In the early days of the church C. C. Birkeland served as secretary for 30 years.

Pastors

Rev. T. H. Dahl, though residing in Minneapolis, visited the congregation several times during the years 1872 and 1873. In 1873 Rev. O. Paulson also visited the congregation several times and the following year became the first resident pastor. He served until 1885 when he was succeeded by Rev. H. M. Hegge. In 1890 Rev. Hegge resigned and was followed by Rev. E. E. Gynild who resigned in 1905, when he was succeeded by Rev. M. B. Michaelson. Rev. Michaelson resigned in 1916 and was succeeded by Rev. Nicolay Nilsen. Rev. Nilsen died in May 1942, and this congregation was without a regular pastor until February 1943. During this period Rev. Peder Konsterlie and Dr. M. A. Helland served as temporary pastors. A call was extended to Rev. Christian G. Olson (then serving the Pontoppidan Congregation at Fargo, N. Dak.) who accepted same, and is now the present pastor, taking charge in February 1943.

Parsonage

On January 3rd, 1876 the congregation purchased Lot 4 of Block 46 in the City of Willmar. On this lot was built the first parsonage, it being a small one-story building. Then in 1880 they purchased Lot 5 of Block 46 in the City of Willmar, which lot joined the first mentioned lot on the south. In 1891 a new and larger parsonage was built on above mentioned lots. The old parsonage was sold and moved away. It is now located on the Northwest corner of the intersection of Trott Avenue and Third Street East. In 1921 a modern heating plant was installed in the parsonage. In 1930 the present parsonage was built at a cost of $10,227.25. The old parsonage was sold for the sum of $500.00 and the heating plant for $300.00. The old parsonage is located on the lot south of the present parsonage property. In 1946 a new oil burning heating plant was installed in the parsonage at a cost of $911.42.

Cemetery

The Calvary Congregation has its own cemetery. In 1887 the congregation purchased two acres of land west of the City of Willmar in Section sixteen of Willmar Township, and a few years later they purchased another half acre adjoining the first tract. This was platted and dedicated as The Lutheran Free Church Cemetery. Lots were sold for $3.50 each to members and $5.00 each to non-members. In 1943 an additional two acres of land adjoining said cemetery on the south was purchased. This, however, has not as yet been platted, but will be when necessity arises.

OLD PARSONAGE

NEW PARSONAGE

The present Cemetery Board is composed of the following: President, Leonard C. Nelson; Secretary, George Kallevig; Treasurer, Arnold Erickson.

In 1912 the congregation celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary. Rev. M. B. Michaelson, the local pastor, was in charge. Rev. H. M. Hegge of Stoughton, Wis., a former pastor, preached the Sunday morning sermon. The church proved too small to house the large congregation that assembled. Rev. E. E. Gynild of Fargo, N. D., also another former pastor, in the afternoon delivered a historical address of the congregation. The congregation did not observe its fiftieth anniversary, but it did observe its sixtieth anniversary on Dec. 30th and 31st, 1932 and Jan. 1st, 1933. Those who took part in these festivities were the following: Rev. M. B. Michaelson, a former pastor;

Rev. C. M. Tollefson, a former member; Dr. T. Burntvedt, president of the Lutheran Free Church; Prof. G. Sverdrup, president of Augsburg Seminary; Rev. O. L. Christenson of Eagle Lake; Rev. G. I. Knutson of New London; Rev. A. Vaaler of Vinje Church; Rev. J. Holmquist of Bethel Church; Rev. Nicolay Nilsen, the local pastor, read the church history and a greeting from Rev. M. Hegge, a former pastor, who was unable to be present. There was special singing by the church choir, the Men's Chorus, the Ladies' Chorus and solos and duets by different members of the choir at all of the sessions. Sunday dinner was served in the basement by the ladies of the congregation.

As an indication of their love for Calvary the following have remembered the congregation with bequests: Edwin Stenson and John Fosagher.

The congregation has on many occasions been favored with visits by groups from Augsburg College and Seminary. Among them are the Augsbury Choir, the Augsburg Glee Club, and quartette; also the Oak Grove Choir, from Fargo. We have also had evangelistic conferences conducted by several pastors. Missionaries at home on furlough have on many occasions challenged the congregation with stirring messages of the need on the mission field. It is impossible in this brief account to give due recognition to the many faithful ones (including many young people) who have given of their best to the work in the church. Space does not permit mention of any names. To them all, however, we owe a debt of gratitude.

It is with a deep gratitude to God and with deep respect for the work accomplished by the host of witnesses of the past that we observe the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Calvary Church. May we continue to carry on the work in the same spirit of sacrifice and loyalty which inspired our forefathers.

As to the future, who is able to prophesy anything? We note the guiding hand of God down through these seventy-five years and if He wills, the next seventy-five years will be richer and fuller for Calvary than the first seventy-five. The experience hitherto has been that which is so well expressed by the old servant of God in the Old Testament: "The eternal God is thy dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

And so we conclude this brief sketch, fragmentary though it may be. We trust that some time in the future when another anniversary will be celebrated, still other personalities may be added to those we here have mentioned.

INTERIOR OF OUR CHURCH

My Church! My church! My dear old church!
My fathers' and my own!
On Prophets and Apostles built,
And Christ the corner stone!
All else be-side, by storm or tide,
May yet be overthrown:
But not my church, my dear old church,
My fathers' and my own.

THROUGH WHOSE EFFORTS CALVARY CONGREGATION WAS ORGANIZED

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Theodore Halverson Dahl was born April 2nd, 1845, at Baastad, Mellem Borgesyssel, Norway. Attended Gjertsen's Latin School, Christiana, 1862-1865. Attended Augustana Seminary, Paxton, Ill., 1865-1867. Pastor near New London, Minn., 1867-1868; near Litchfield, Minn., (8 congregations) 1868-1873; Green Bay, Wisc., (8 congregations) 1873-1881; Stoughton, Wisc., 1881-1903; Visitor pastor, 1873-1876, 1890-1894; Secretary N. D. Conference, 1876-1881; President, 1881-1886; Vice President, U. C. 1894-1902; President, 1902-1917; Rector, Fairview Hospital, 1917-1923; Translated, "Lys fra katakomberne", 1876; Author, "Saloonforretningen", 1890; "Fred og strid", 1894; D. D. from Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., 1905; Knight of Order St. Olav, 1908; United Conference representative in Norway, 1914. Died January 18th, 1923.

THE FIRST RESIDENT PASTOR 1874-1885

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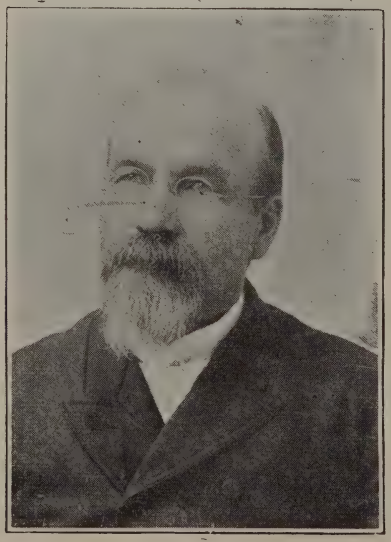

Ole Paulson was born April 26th, 1832 at Grue, Norway. Immigrated 1850. Attended Augustana College in Chicago, 1861 to 1863. Soldier, 9th, Minnesota Regiment, 1863-1865 (advanced to Captain). Attended Augustana Seminary, 1865 to 1868. Pastor, Trefoldighet Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn., 1868-1874; Willmar, Minn., 1874-1885; Blanchardville, Wisconsin, 1885-1905; Fargo, N. D., 1905-1907; Teacher, Swedish St. Ansgar Academy, Carver, Minn., 1868-1869; Trustee, Augsburg Seminary, 1872-1907; Vice President, Norwegian, Danish Conference, 1877-1887; contributed to "Folkebladet", 1879-1905; author, "Erindringer", 1907. Died April 20th, 1907.

THE SECOND PASTOR 1886-1890

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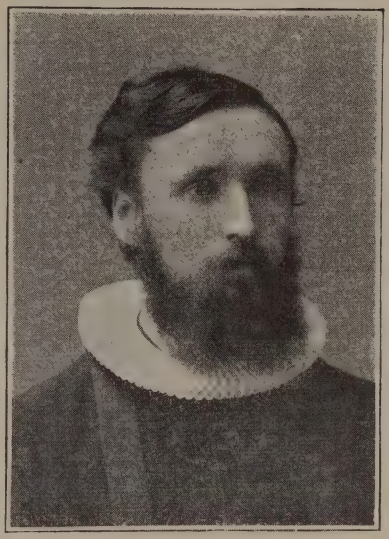

Martin Hanson Hegge was born Oct. 17th, 1860, at Biri, Toten, Norway. Immigrated 1867. Attended La Crosse High School, 1878-1881; Augsburg Seminary, 1882-1886. Pastor, Willmar, Minn., 1886-1890; Brooklyn, N. Y., 1890-1903; Stoughton, Wisc., 1903—; Teacher, public school, 1877-1878; 1881-1882. Visitor, 1895-1898, 1900-1902, 1911-1917. Board of Education, 1909-1911; Board of Directors, Chicago Deaconess Home, 1905—, Union Com. 1911-1912.

THE THIRD PASTOR 1891-1905

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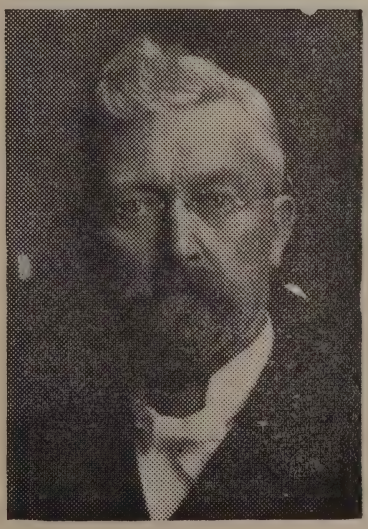


Endre Eriksen, Gynild was born April 15th, 1859, at Sokendalen, Norway. Immigrated 1880. Attended Augsburg Seminary, 1881-1889. Pastor, Minneapolis, Minn., (St. Petri Congregation) 1889-1891; Willmar, Minn., 1891-1905; Eagle Lake, Minn., and Bethesda Homes, 1905-1910; Fargo, N. Dak., 1910-1913; Green Lake, Minn., 1918-1923; Evangelist, 1913-1918. Secretary, Free Church, 1894-1898; President of same, 1899-1901, 1905-1907, 1909-1911, 1912-1913, 1923—. Board of Trustees, Augsburg, 1906-1921; Oak Grove Seminary, Fargo, N. Dak., 1911-1918; St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, N. Dak., 1912-1913; Lutheran Board of Missions, 1897—; Norwegian Deaconess Hospital; Norwegian Lutheran Bible School, Willmar, Minn., 1921-1927. Died 1928.

THE FOURTH PASTOR 1905-1916

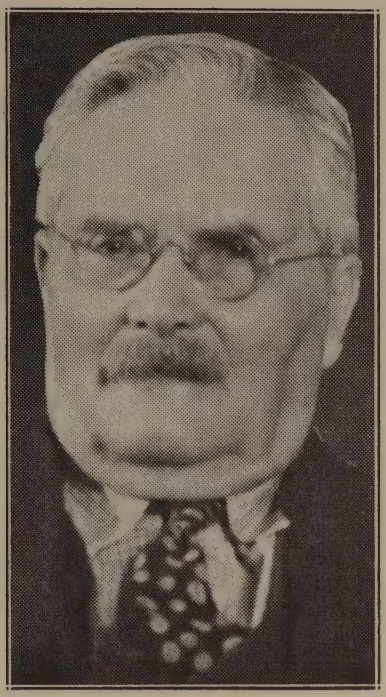
BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Michael Britanius Michaelson was born April 9th, 1868, at Vanelven, S, Sondmore, Norway. Immigrated 1886. Attended Augsburg Seminary, 1890-1899. Pastor, Mankato, Minn., 1899-1905; Willmar, Minn., 1905-1916; Marinette, Wisc., 1916-1938; Secretary and Treasurer of Bethesda Homes, 1905-1909; President, Willmar Circuit 1907-1909; Board of Directors, Augsburg Seminary, 1908-1912; Board of Education, Willmar, Minn., 1914-1916; Board of Trustees, Augsburg Seminary, 1924, Secretary of same; President, Marinette Circuit. Editor, "Church Messenger", 1916—. Died Aug. 30th, 1938.

THE FIFTH PASTOR 1916-1942

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Nicolay Nilsen was born April 18th, 1876 at Minneapolis, Minn. Attended Duluth, Minn., High School, 1891-1892; Attended Augsburg Seminary, 1892-1901; Pastor, Minot, N. Dak., 1901-1916; Willmar, Minn., 1916-1942. President, Board of Directors, Bethesda Homes, 1923-1925. Board of Education, Willmar, Minn., 1928-1940. Died 1942.



K. T. Rykken

GREETINGS FROM A LAY PREACHER

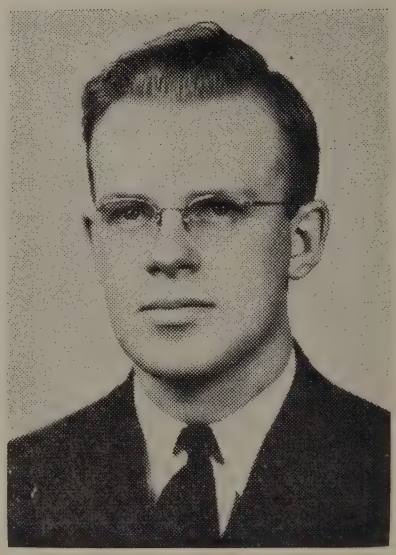
To the Calvary Lutheran Church of Willmar, Minn.

It is a pleasure to me, to have the opportunity to send you a greeting at this festive time. Many years back I became a member of the Calvary Church. In thinking back through the years when I was a regular attendant at your Sunday services, and other devotional meetings, I remember many a time when the Spirit of God was working mightly amongst us, and showers of blessings refreshed our hearts, making us thankful, and happy for having the Word of God in our midst, and Souls won for the Kingdom. These things come back to me now, and I rejoice in having had the privilege to share with you the bountiful blessings, bestowed upon a hungry and thirsty soul. The Calvary Church has been particularly blessed by having had warm-hearted pastors, whose main object was: Winning Souls for Christ, and also having had vision to make use of the laymen whose hearts were warm with love for God and their fellowmen. Such men God has given to the Calvary Church the years of its existence and I think it has been for the welfare and edification of the Church. May the All-loving Father hold his protecting hand over you all, and make you a Church where many knees bow before the Throne of God in Sincere supplication for more and more willingness to follow the Master in these last years of this dispensation of Grace; All to the Glory of Him who gave His life for the redemption of lost mankind.

Yours in Christ,
K. T. Rykken.

SERVING IN THE VINEYARD

REV. EMIL KALLEVIG



REV. LAVERNE NELSON

From this church the following have entered the Gospel ministry: Ingrebregt Tollefson, Simon R. Tollefson, Eberg Tollefson, Christ Tollefson. These four brothers, now all deceased, were sons of early members of this church, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Tollefson; Henry G. Hanson, now pastor in a Presbyterian church in Oregon, Albert Gilbertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Gilbertson, early members of this church, is now inactive due to illness, is an ordained Presbyterian minister and was for many years an instructor in Divinity at Harvard University; Albert Rykken, and Thorvald Rykken (deceased) sons of K. T. Rykken, now at Bethesda Homes, but for many years a leading and guiding light of this church; Peder Konsterlie, for many years a missionary in China, but now a pastor in this country; LaVerne Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Nelson, now located at Powers Lake, N. Dak., and Emil Kallevig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Kallevig, now located at Wallace, So. Dak.

Ladies who became missionaries are Mrs. M. A. Pederson, nee Tollefson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Tollefson, a missionary in Santal, India for many years, but is now deceased; Irene Sletten (now Mrs. Hans Thorson), a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sletten, is now a missionary in South America.

It makes us happy therefore to find representatives of Calvary actively engaged in the work of the Kingdom both home and abroad. There have been good reports of the work of these sons and daughters of Calvary and hence they have brought honor to our church.

HONOR ROLL OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR II

The following men from Calvary made the supreme sacrifice:

Roger L. Anderson
Archie G. Gunderson
Alvin Orsten
Russell Johnson
Kenneth Meyers
John Christianson
Rolfe Smith
James Schamp

A PRAYER:

Dear Lord: We would remember those who have died, those who are suffering and those who are sorrowing. We turn to Thee, Lord Jesus, Thou bearer of our sorrows and source of all grace and comfort. For those brave men and women who in this war made the supreme sacrifice, we thank Thee. Forbid, O Lord, that anyone should ever fail in his gratitude to them. Cause us always to keep them and their sacrificial service in grateful remembrance, and may they not have died in vain. For their sorrowing parents and other loved ones we implore Thy mercy and consolation. In Jesus Our Savior's name. Amen.

Wallace Adams
Clarence Akre
J. Burton Anderson
Theo. Anderson
Esther Anderson
Burnell Anderson
Morris Anderson
Kenneth Bakken
Doaine Bakken
Edvard E. Benson
Arthur Donald Birkland
Roy S. Birkeland
Robert M. Birkeland
Alfred Christianson
Severin R. Carlson
Calvin A. Carlson
Frank L. Carlson
Gerald Carlson
Maynard Christianson
Walter H. Cogelow
Alton Carlson
Lorrin Dahlager
Harold C. Ditmarson, Jr.
Courtland Dahlheim
Helmer Dahlheim
Roger Erickson
Edward Erickson
Arthur L. Eide
Clarence O. Emberland
Erling Emberland
Gordon Emberland
Robert Frayseth
Grant Farness
Robert Fransen
Willis F. Fladeboe
Orvin K. Fladeboe
Robert Forsberg
Merlin Forsberg
Olav Fostervold
Rolf G. Fostervold
Donald Gunderson
Oliver B. Gilberg
Ervin Gunderson
Gordon J. Goehring
Mentor Goehring
Martin T. Hanson
Pernelle Hanson
Noel Haugen
Morris Hanson
A. D. Hanson
Gerald Hanson
Julius Haugen
Charles R. Halvorson
Gaylord Hegness
Larry Howell
Harold N. Halvorson
Olof C. Helland
Ansel H. Hendrickson
Myron Isaacson
Virgil Isaacson
William H. Johnson
Palmer S. Johnson
Phillip M. Johnson
Wilhelm C. Johnson
Emery Johnson
John C. Jones
Robert F. Jones
Merlin Johnson (H)
Francis C. Johnson
Marvin Johnson
Lowell Johnson
Vernon L. Johnson
Arthur Jordahl
Clarence E. Jensen
Jacob E. Jacobson
John H. Johnson
Marvin D. Kallevig
Harold Kallevig
Maynard S. Kallevig
Orville Kallevig
Maynard Lind
Gordon M. Lilleberg
Marvin R. Lepsey
Gordon E. Lundquist
Milford Larson
Howard L. Larson
Oscar Langager
Truman Langager
Donald Langager
Douglas Langager
Lorentz M. Lindblad
Doran A. Lindsoe
Rial M. Lindsoe
Loren Lindsoe
James H. Madison
Leonard O. Melby
Clarence Melby
Elvin O. Melby
Oliver O. Melby
Woodrow J. Madson
Clayton W. Manzer
Milo C. Mickelson
Morris E. Meyers
Harlan Meyers
Ray Madison
Roger E. Nelson
Stanley G. Nelson
Reuben J. Nelson
Robert M. Nelson
Ann E. Nelson
Orlin E. Nelson
Eugene A. Nelson
Quentin Norby
Palmer Otterness
Orville L. Olson
Tobias Olson
Chester L. Olson
Ronald Ostlund
Marvin Ostlund
Elmer M. Pederson
James Pederson
Kenneth G. Pederson
John E. Pederson
Ole A. Pederson
Donald Peterson
Waldo R. Peterson
Robert A. Peterson
Stanley C. Peterson
Ellsworth Quam

Paul Rasmussen
Elmer A. Reigstad
Marvin A. Reigstad
Lloyd N. Rude
Walter M. Rude
Earl Sandburg
John S. Swenson
Swen A. Swenson

Gordon H. Sterling
Lyle Strand
Vaughn Schamp
Neil Smith
Gilbert P. Smith
Orlyn A. Stai
Norma J. Thies
Maurice W. Trulson

Wesley O. Trulson
Gordon W. Trulson
Severin Vatne
Donald E. Walden
Virgil W. Wallin
Ronald R. Wallin
Calvin R. Westphal
Ward B. Wheeler

WORLD WAR I SERVICE MEN

Louis Urdahl
Edwin Stenson
Melvin Riete
Harold Severenson
Carl Hegstrom
Norman Johnson
Clifford Johnson
Archie Johnson
Joseph Qvam
Jens Olson
Willard Sunfords
H. R. Peterson
Roy Peterson

Harold Larson
Arthur Anderson
Clarence Berg
Russell Johnson
Otto Osmundson
Gulbrand Wangsness
Selmer Solverson
Carl Solverson
Oscar Solverson
Lars Peterson
Iver Nelson
Harry Benson
Joseph Halvorson

Harry Dalien
Leonard Kleve
Nicolaie Westheim
Paul Holt
Ingvald Rykken
Sigwald Nelson
Olof Faleide
Nils Hanson
Harold Selseth
Charles Miner
Albert Tommeraasen
Olie Carlson
Lloyd Peterson

MANDS OE KVINDE FORENING --- Early 1900's

Back row from left—Benjamin Greenfield, Ole Gilbertson, Nels Peterson, Elling Ellingson, Martin Olson, Isaac J. Basseboe, Ole Jacobson, Lars Tindahl, Gilbert Sand, Mrs. John Berg, John Berg, Sam Rasmusson, Mrs. Sam Rasmusson, Ole Olson, Ellef Abrahamson, Martinus Hanson,

Middle Row—Mrs. Elling Ellingson, Mrs. Benjamin Greenfield, John Johnson, Edward Borgan, Mrs. Edward Borgan, Frank Ledell, Mrs. Anna Finberg, Mathea Johnson, John Sogge, Ole Glarum, Peter Berg, P. P. Lilligaarden, S. S. Glarum, Halvor Shipstead.

Front Row—Mrs. S. E. Magnuson, Mary Wigdahl, Mrs. Christ Peterson, Christ Peterson, Mrs. S. L. Jorstad, S. L. Jorstad, Mrs. M. B. Michaelson, Rev. M. B. Michaelson, Mrs. Peter Rasmusson, Peter Rasmusson, Mrs. Peter Berg, Elizabeth Christianson, Mrs. Ole Glarum, Mrs. S. S. Glarum, Mrs. Halvor Shipstead, Mrs. Charles Dalien.

RECOLLECTIONS OF BYGONE DAYS

Greetings:

Coming to Willmar, from Norway, May 13th, 1882, and securing work on a farm in Roseville Township, it was not very easy for a newcomer to learn new work as well as a strange language; but after a while got accustomed to both.

There was no church in that community, but there was a craving in the soul for God's word, so next year I secured a job in Willmar where church services could be attended every Sunday. Sometimes attended the Synod Church, where Rev. Estrem was pastor at that time, and sometimes attended the Conference Church, where Rev. Ole Paulson was the pastor. Rev. Paulson was sometimes called Augsburg's Bestefar, because he had worked so hard to get Augsburg College and Seminary moved to Minneapolis from Marshall, Wisconsin.

Liking the Conference Church the best I made that my home church, because it had so many devoted Christian people and laymen as members. One of these was Ole Tollefson. He had a large family, including six boys and six girls. Five of these boys became pastors. This family moved to the State of Washington in the early eighties, but most of them have now passed on. Another of these laymen was A. Aslakson who was Sunday School Superintendent and also did some very good preaching. In 1883 Peter Lillegarden and his brother Nils, with their families came to Willmar and joined the church; they took an active part in church work from the start, especially prayer meetings; they were always there. K. T. Rykken, with his family, moved to town and joined the church. He also took a very active part in all church work. When the pastors were not at home he would occupy the pulpit and deliver wonderful sermons. Two of Mr. Rykken's sons were ordained into the ministry.

The congregation had a good Sunday School and staff of very good teachers: Mathea Johnson, Kjerstie Gynild, I. Bassebo, K. T. Rykken, and others. It is indeed a great joy to know that many of the boys and girls we had in the Sunday School classes became ministers of the Gospel and that some went as missionaries to the foreign lands. It does my heart good to know that the work in Sunday School was not in vain. The younger people have taken the places of the older ones in teaching the children the Bible and how to follow the righteous path in life.

In the nineties revival meetings started all over the whole Midwest, and it was a great blessing to Willmar as well as many other places. More people came to prayer meetings. God was calling people to repent, and many souls were saved. Rev. Skrefsrud visited Willmar two times in the nineties, the last time in 1895. Once he preached on the Glarum farm, south of town and the other time on the S. S. Glarum lot east of the church. He was a wonderful preacher and great throngs of people came to hear his message. I wish we had more of that kind of men.

Now the congregation has rounded its Seventy-fifth year and is to observe that anniversary November 15th and 16th. Things are now

very different from the time of the grasshopper period of 1873 and 1874 when the early pioneers had to struggle so hard to get along. All were beginners in church work and most of them were newcomers; so their work cannot be compared with the church work of today. We hope the young people appreciate what has been done for the younger generation and the great blessings God has so graciously bestowed upon this congregation. Maybe the church built in 1903 will soon be too small, and you will either have to enlarge it or build a new one.

May God's richest blessings be with you on your Seventy-fifth Anniversary festivity, and also throughout the coming years.

Sincerely,

Sam Rasmussen.

Tacoma Wash., Sept. 6th, 1947.

(Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rasmussen were early members of the Calvary Church but moved to Tacoma, Wash. in 1917.)

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL---1907

Mr. Hostager and Mathea Johnson, Teachers

CONFIRMANDS--CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1875—Ingrebret Tollefson and Christian C. Birkeland.

1876—Rasmus Rasmuson, Gunder Osmundson, Cornelia Osmundson, Thorvald Tollefson, and Olai Larson.

1877—Peder Iverson, Johan Nelson, Marie Nielson, Marie Thorson, Johan Strand, Peder Pederson, Jens Pederson, Amanda Carlson, Serine Stenseth, Anne Pederson, and Alphia F. Paulson.

1878—Bernhardine H. Seivig, Gjirtrud Nilson, Anne Marie Pederson, Eilerd Olai Ellingson, Tosten Anderson, and Christoffer Albert Olson.

1879—Hans Thorvald Thorsen, Nicolai Stenseth, Jorgen Svenson, Anne Margrethe Olson, Johan Bernhof Svenson, Marie Osmundson, Simon R. Tollefson, and Julia Ellingson.

1880—Martin L. Paulson, Magnus Thorson, Ole Andreas Jacobson, Karen Augusta Davidson, Rönnäug Olson, Hilda Marie Johnson, Anna Helena Rodlund, Emma Olivia Gjester, and Amanda J. Mankel.

1881—Hans Strand, Anne Osmundson, Eleir Christian Tollefson, Johan Otos, Olaf Bernt Olson, Frantz Peterson, Haldar Christian Selvig, and Peder Berthelson.

1882—Clara Otilda Jacobson, Christoffer Ellingson, David Davidson, Syvert Osmundson, Amalia Hanson, Metta Quam, and Petra Quam.

1883—Sivert Sivertson, Abraham Thorson, Marie Ekerson, Frantz Johan Broberg, Jonas Olaus Ellingson, Martha Elisabeth Nelson, Anne Cathrine Sofie Larson, Edward Bernstin, Karen Jenson, Otilde Regme Reese, Carl Holmquist, Hanna Otos, Karen Otos, Olene C. Moller, Karen Sofie Berthelson, Anne M. Rasmussen, Frithjof Anderson, John Quam, Willie A. Nelson, and Anne Christine Anderson.

1884—Johannes Quam, Oliver Stene, Carl Andreas Peterson, Martin Idan Peterson, Otto Thorson, Jens S. Strand, Cornelius L. Svenson, Peder Martin Pederson, Christen Martin Tollefson, Albert Olaus Olson, Ole Olson, Frank Theodore Aslakson, Peder Bonde, Ole Harry Larson, Betsey Oline Erikson, Vilda Marie Hanson, Anna Siverson, Josephine Magna Jacobson, Julia P. Olson, Ida Olea Olsen, Ruth Randina Osmundson, Dina Olivia Selvig, and Marie Hogmo.

1885—Edward Raymond Rasmusson, Gunnar Ellingson, Ingebright Olson, Bertine Olson, Anna Elise Bjork, Jacobine Burdie Tollefson, Ida Catherine Tollefson, Berthe Olson, Anne Serine Olson, Ingeborg Anne Olson, Sire Thorson, Rande Erikson, Mini Amanda Thorson, Ulrik Tideman, Jacob Tideman, Peter Olaf Freberg, Frank Nilson, Thorvald Otaas, Helga Otelda Paulson, and Christine Julson.

1886—Martin I. Riis, Hjalmar Adolph Hanson, Rasmus Jenson, Abraham A. Birkeland, Adolph Olai Larson, Nels Andreas Nelson, Karen Marie Peterson, Nora Josefine Miller, Mary Glarum, Johanne Sofie Larson, Theoline Osmundson, Hannah Rebekka Pederson, and Anna Caroline Olson.

1887—Oscar B. Bjerkness, Robert Bertinus Otterness, Ditler Berg P. Ross, Martin Adolph Ellingson, Albert Englund, Ole Martinson, Carl Olai Tollefson, Amalie Katherine Pederson, Sofie Kjerstine Haines, Andrea Kristopherson, Olivia Agritha Bjerkness, Jennie Sofie Jakobson, Ida Matilda Dahlheim, Ida Sofie Johnson, and Amanda Nancie Peterson.

1888—Peder Bertin Greenfield, Alfred Theodore Thorson, Johan Theodore Syvertson, John Albert Johnson, Carl Johan Berkeland, Thomas Olson, Thorwald A. Wahlum, Anton Olaus Pederson, Marie Anderson, Olette Amalie Tollefson, Clara Amelia Haines, Anna Margrethe Jorstad, Ingeborg Kathrine Larson, Eli Nilson, Alette Marie Olson, Anna Johnson, and Ingeborg Peterson.

1889—Alphia Theodora Olson, Bertha Gusta Glarum, Martina Serine Myhre, Ida Christopherson, Anna Serene Reiqvam, Karen Christine Tollefson, Emma Julia Ellingson, Elida Berthine Abrahamson, Samiola Jakobine Olson, Jensine Charlotte Tollefson, Marianne Kristenson, Julia Elizabeth Osmundson, Johanna Serine Fladebo, Emil George Englund, James Olai Jakobson, Andrew Olson, Alfred Anderson, Christian Moller Johnson, Elias Carl G. Wennerlund, Andrew Larson, Carl Gustav Johnson, and Jens Hetman Olson.

1890—Helen Sophia Sampson, Julia O. Sletten, Mina Thorson, Hilda Mathilda Carlson, Bertine Raaen, Olava Mathilda Hanson, Anna Josefine Johnson, Christian Jakumson, Carl Wilheim Englund, Nils Bertin Pederson, John Adolph Olson, and Henry Hanson.

1891—Ole Christian Erikson, Nils Hedman Anderson, Jens Fredrik P. Jensen, Rasmus Rasmusen, Lars Chr. Christianson, Oluf Theodore Olsen, Elvin Oscar Osmundson, Jakob Edvard Ellingson, Hokan Borvald Jakobsen, Emma Bertine Hvindso, Signe Johanna Jorstad, Julia Oline Feiring, Gurine Nilson, Nellie Marie Johnson, Ester Marie Olson, Christine Reiqvam, Martha Emelie Moss, Oline Johanna Glarum, Mathilda Olson, Christine Johnson, Emma Person, Johanna Person, Josefine Johnson, Johanna Johnson, and Caroline Moberg.

1892—John George Johnson, Edwin Carl Ruble, Christen Bertine Anderson, Endre Mandius Birkeland, Ludvig Thorson, Rasmus Carl Sletten, Peder Rasmussen, Bernt Theodore Feiring, Gerda Easpara Wennerlund, Pauline Sampson, Anna Martha Birkeland, Odel Marie Borgan, Nilla Mathilda Borgan, Kari Olufine Olsen, and Martha Olefine Sorenson.

1893—Henry Naman Moss, Henry Charles Johnson, Oluf Lenius Nilsen, Hans Torsten Baarsen, Carl Christin Larsen, Georg Inus Govig, Axel Berkness, Peder Magnus Warlum, Anna Elisabeth Thorsen, Susanna Olsen, Emma Nicoline Pederson, Inga Amalia Ross, Pauline Laurentine Bertelson, Rackel Sofie Ellingson, Christine Nilsen, Emma Hanson, Martha Caroline Wick, and Emma Lovise Dahlheim.

1894—Burnt Ludvig Ruh, Ingvald Andreas Erikson, Nicolai Ragnvald Olsen, Thorlif Olsen, Hans Magnus Sletten, Peder Oscar Rudness, Frank Johnson, Nils Bjerkness, Gustav Thorsen, Oli Benjamin Olsen, Ole Johan Olsen, Sven Oluf Osmundson, Christian Fredrik Wick, Walfrida Augusta Lofgren, Tomina Inga Feiring, Anna Bertine Johnson, Ellen Johnson, Lovisa Marie Nelson, Anna Olsen (Hagen), Ella Birkeland, Lovisa Christina Ruble, and Walborg Marie Andreassen.

1895—Lyder Olai Berg, Peder Julius Govig, Jakob Christensen, Mandy Albertine Warlum, Andrea Maria Olsen, Thea Agata Klyve, Inga Maria Bruback, Thilda Maria Anderson, Hanna Hansen, Hanna Nymoen, and Emma Christine Walberg.

1896—Lars Alexander Jorstad, George Clarence Haines, Arne Nilsen, Peder Pederson, Nils Anton Rodness, Bertha Caroline Bjerkness, Klara Anette Johnson, Andrea Oline Wigdahl, Olga Amanda Walberg, Karoline Josefine Moss, Antonette Kristine Moss, Sjarlotte Feiring, Klara Emilie Johnson, and Olina Mathilda Olsen.

1897—Albert Oscar Ruble, Bernhard Johan Glarum, Carl Thomsen, Martinus Gunderson, Paul Johan Borgan, Anna Berthilde Berg, Ingeborg Elfine Abrahamson, Ella Severine Haines, Bertha Christine Ledell, Malina Bergetta Okland, and Anna Johanna Johnson.

1898—Ludvig Christian Glarum, Carl Alfred Feiring, Reinard Theodore Thorsen, Johnnie Oscar Johnson, Eddy Theodore Klyve, Carl Oscar Berg, Jacob Nilsen, Isak Godfred Jorstad, Alfred Olsen, Carl Herman Ellingson, Maline Hansen, Aella Oline Olsen, Julia Caroline Rasmussen, Dina Olava Johnson, Ida Klara Thorpe, Minnie Thompson, Mayvild Pederson, Fiby Henrikson, and Olina Theresa Anderson.

1899—Peder Oluf Sletten, Albert Nicolas Gilbertson, Jens Axel Pederson, Pauline Alette Wigdahl, Clara Caspara Moss, Anna Gerhardine Borgan, Lydia Maria Walberg, Anna Severine Benson, Clara Emilie Pederson, Hanna Bertine Anderson, Anna Sofie Hansen, and Nora Dagma Johnson.

1900—Rosy Clarisa Stensen, Alphia Josephine Berg, Hilda Sofie Ledell, Martha Gurine Arthun, Clara Solverson, Anna Marie Feiring, Ida Marie Sjursen, Elenora Josephine Otterness, Hanna Netland, Bernhard Oluf Rasmussen, Hans Christian Garstad, Carl Julius Holland, Christian Borgan, and Philip Oscar Thorsen.

1901—Odin Lingaard Wigdahl, Elik Olai Klyve, Thorvald Adolph Rigedahl, Edvin Ludvig Johnson, Nicus Arthur Walberg, Alfred Hansen, Selmer Berg, Henry Olsen, Matius Kallevig, Anna Marie Abrahamson, Margrethe Benson, and Inga Anette Solverson.

1902—Hilda Maria Benson, Ida Olette Holland Clara Bertine Johnson, Martha Augusta Olson, Fredrika Mathilda Hjort, Maria Alvina Erikson, Anna Maria Anderson, Alice Ovidia Berkness, Nellie Regine Rasmusen, Anna Julia Thompson, Malinda Elsia Hagen, Clara Hogsten, Mabel Henrietta Strand, Eline Borgan, Ida Alphia Jacobson, Cora Elvina Osmundson, Christ Richard Berg, Herman Thompson, Axel Valdemar Qvale, Martin Julius Sletten, Thorvald Oluf Thorson, John Syvert Benson, and Benhard Walter Johnson.

1903—Ella Christine Arthun, Hattie Lovisa Stenson, Anna Lovisa Thompson, Marie Hermine Olstad, Julia Sophia Klyve, Elsia Cornelia Otterness, Stella Solverson, Helga Sophie Hanson, Nellie Mathilda Nilsen, Rikka Mathilda Swenson, Emma Adamson, Ingvald John Johnson, Didrik Alfred Oftedal, Peder Johannes Bassebo, Elef Abrahamson, Carl Victor Hegstrom, Julius Theodore Johnson, and Thor Kallevig.

1904—Arthur Reynold Anderson, Edwin Victor Stenson, Cora Regine Bjerkness, Anna Fridlund, Millie Otelia Rasmuson, Julia Benson, Amy Julia Berg, Johanna Emelia Anderson, Minnie Berguta Qvale, Marie Hanna Holland, Clara Oline Wigdahl, Anna Emilie Garstad, Robert Norman Rasmusen, Justus Theodore Sletten, Laureneius Peterson, and Emmanuel Evenson.

1905—Oscar Hagen, Oscar Johan Solverson, Henry Hanson, Ida Eleanora Olsen, Inga Marie Johnson, Mandie Sophie Berkness, Rossella Charlotte Rosby, Klara Adams, Anna Katherine Sagge, Caroline Lovisa Strand, Jenny Johanna Erikson, Agnes H. Otterness, Johanna Magdalina Kallevig, Sina Bertina Emberland, Olga Pauline Nilsen, Burnell Ingebrigt Vick, and George Arthur Vick.

1906—Ingvald Adolph Qvale, Anne Harold Johnson, Nils Edwin Berg, Olaf Bernhard Johnson, Thorwald Evenson, Nora Maria Anderson, Nellie Chrisine Kleve, Alphia Henrietta Otterness, Tillia Cecilia Skatos, Mabel Hannah Olson, Laura Wigdahl, Mabel Alphia Dalien, Betsy Olive Govig, and Mabel Christine Johnson.

1907—Henry Olai Johnson, Selmer Salverson, Eddy Garfield Youngberg, Fred Pettersen, Christoffer Kallevig, Nils Gernard Hanson, Lydia Birkeland, Hazel Bonita Pederson, Frances Jennie Ledell, Ethel Henriette Govig, Minnie Olava Berg, Stella Jennie Swenson, Mandie Oline Konsterlie, Mildred Almira Skattos, Jennie Mathilda Otterness, and Hazel Hattie Dalien.

1908—Raynold Wilton Johnson, Frederick Christian Holt, Henry Oliver Magnuson, Walter Qvale, Iden Markus Rasmussen, Ella Josephine Magnussen, Alma Ovida Grimlund, Christine Cicilia Hjort, Johanne Sagge, Ester Hermine Walberg, Lillie Marie Hanson, Anna Josephine Haaland, Helene Martha Gunderson, Burnice Margrethe Severinson, Borghild Lucile Sand, Anna Mathilda Ellingson, Alice Bjork, Einar Bjork, Godfred Wilhelm Elfstrom, and Alvin Lorenius Elfstrom.

1909—Charley Theodore Birkeland, Edwin Sletten, Selmer Sletten, Elmer J. M. Otterness, Emil Harry Anderson, Edwin Oscar Erickson, Eddie Sigwald Olson, Henry Olai Ellingson, Ruben Paul Johnson, Harold Lokken, Martin Olai Fixen, James Russell Johnson, Roy Thorvald Pederson, Harry Carl Dalien, Marie Lokken, Alma Bertine Hegstrom, Minnie Johanna Berkness, Lalia Kathrine Holt, Laurine Sophie Larson, Martina Theodora Berg, and Emma Randine Hanson.

1910—Carl Ludvig Solverson, Knud Sogge, Clifford Henry Johnson, Ludvig Alfred Wigdahl, George Kallevig, Elmer Gunderson, Albert Lester Jensen, Ruth Lilly Beck, Sophie Gerharda Selseth, Emma Lovisa Urdahl, Clara Adine Haaland, Olga Viola Qvale, Helen Aletta Pederson, and Mildred Helen Severinson.

1911—Peder Severin Pederson, Esther Gurine Pederson, Alexander Gilbert Sand, Paul Morris Holt, Albin Adolph Hegstrom, George Leonard Otterness, Amy Johanne Strand, Marie Johanne Voz, Sigrid Berg, Cora Dina Gundershaug, Pearl Jenette Nygaard and Muriel Esther Anderson.

1912—Harry Benson, John Lepse, William Govig, Harold Thorson, Harry Stenson, Lars Pederson, Willie Sletten, Alette Solverson, Pearl Otterness, Helga Berg, Amy Severinson, Mary Johnson, Amy Olson, Florence Pederson, Clara Hanson, Margit Brekke, and Louis Urdahl.

1913—Harold Oliver Sand, Norval Julius Gundershaug, James Christian Olson, Norman Gerhard Johnson, Johan Kallevik. Edward Kallevik, Manley Brau Holt, Harold Clifford Severinson, Joseph Kvam, George Leonard Kleve, Alvin Clarence Ellingson, Sumner Ernest Benson, George Andreas Lepse, Lenora Sophia Brevik, Ruby Jeaneth Pederson, Evelyn Berkness, Elvira Jacobson, Mabel Alice Mildenhaur, Sylpha Elvina Ellingson, Effie Petrine Otterness, Hilda Josephine Gunderson, Amy Ovedia Trongaard, Edna Malinda Magnuson, Myrtle Espelind, Minnie Katherine Espelind, Alice Marie Birkeland.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC---Homewood Park---1914

SAME SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC PICTURE (Continued)

1914—Bennet Urdahl, Arthur Solverson, Alvin Arthur Thorpe, Godtfred Arnold Johnson, Emil Leonard Tommeraasen, Gunvar Karine Emberland, Thora Rebekka Vikse, Cecilia Selma Olson, Gladys Jeanette Ellingson, Ida Eldorine Greenfield, Mabel Josephine Hanson, Selma Lovisa Pederson, Jennie Otelia Johnson, Nora Hanson, Lillian Dorothy Magnuson, and Bjuna Margareth Arvig.

1915—Clarence Raynarth Faleida, Lloyd William Peterson, Carl Oliver Birkeland, William Gehard Magnuson, Edwin Gunderson, Edwin Thomas Qvale, Floyd Rudolph Wicks, Hans Peder Hansen, Russell William Otterness, Arthur Noel Leines, Vernon Rudolph Thorson, Eveline Muriel Otterness, Emma Caroline Gundershaug, Olga Christine Engen, Hattie Selma Larsen, Gertrude Lenora Dale, Mabel Lillie Knutsen, Anna Marie Knutsen, Arthur William Johnson, Harold Eugene Gilbert, and Tallef Olson.

1916—Einar Berg, Alvin Brevig, Otto Arne Holt, Raymond Oliver Severinson, George Magnus Nelson, Walter Reihard Rykken, Mabel Edna Peterson, Esther Bernice Benson, Mary Eveline Wicks, Edith Evangeline Olson, Bernice Amanda Trongaard, Esther Antonette Erickson, Katherine Margrethe Michaelson, Helen Dorothy Sand, May Olive Putnam, Lettie Bertha Nelson, Hattie Adeline Putnam, Magnhild Ness, Myrtle Ruth Benson, Arthur Sletten, and Olive Lilia Nygaard.

1917—Martha Christine Olson, Gladys Margaret Peterson, Ruby Evangeline Sather, Effie Olive Solverson, Minnie Theoline Hanson, Selma Theodora Birkeland, Ruby Annette Otterness, Marie Oletta P. Gilbertson, Pearl Isobelle Nelson, Clara Olena Benson, Caroline Johanna Johnson, Esther Bergetta Johnson, Margaret Estelle Johnson, Lillie Caroline Nordin, Roy Marion Ellingson, Peder Pederson, Peter Emil Fransen, Karl Thorpe, Ernest Sophus Fransen, Julius Leonard Olstad, Martin Theodore Hanson, George Leonard Wicks, and Earl Elsworth Aarvig.

1918—Nora Christine Strand, Gladys Myrtle Pederson, Rena Berkness, Helmer Ray Kallevig, Joseph E. Otterness, Elioth Palmer Peterson, Harold Ness, Clarence Edward Christenson, Maynard Oluf Berkness, Russell Norman Olsen, Oliver Russell Hegness, Victor Norman Peterson, Albert Emil Brecke, Emma Christine Peterson, Alma Sophie Thorson, Joseph Robert Rasmusson, Harry Lenhart Hamann, Britha Marie Rusten, Lillian Gladys Hanson, and Mable Johanna Hanson.

1919—Dagny Jacobsen, Ethel Leonora Magnuson, Anna Lovise Pederson, Cora Oline Mickaelson, George Solverson, Henry Martin Nelson, Clifford Bertrum Rykken, Andrew William Rasmusson, William McKinley Gunderson, Sigurd Johan Lepse, Clarence Norman Netland, Edwin Parker Wangsness, Edward Raynold Hamann, Harold Martin Olstad, Selvin Clarence Jordahl, Engvald Malvin Blake, Freda Evelyn Grimlund, Olyla Cartance Eliason, Clara Luena Gunderson, Caletta Beatrice Hilland, Randall Joseph Peterson, Ainsworth Gaylord Hegness, Reuben Alexander Peterson, Clarence Wilhelm Hanson, Fridolph Grimlund, George Fredrick Anderson, Canton Bernhard Haug, Andrew Peter J. Hanson, Ernest George Hansen, Maurice Archibald Benson, Floyd Oliver Gilbert, Harold Russel Dalien, Andrew Emil Hamann, and Jewell Anette Peterson.

1920—Ethel Sylvia Pederson, Esther Leonora Peterson, Esther Genevieve Gunderson, Marsella Berkness, Alydia Ervella Gunderson, Stella Kathrine Brekke, Grace Myrtle Lilleberg, Mabel Gertrude Erickson, Orlando Nelson, Ervin Leonard Anderberg, Cecil Eugene Anderson, Edward Selmer Johnson, Edward Nels Erickson, Arthur Oliver Trongaard, Ethel Rosella Otterness, Myrtle Inga Jensen, Bernice Luella Olson, Olga Mathilda Nelson, Alice Theodore Smith, Lewis Edwin Thorpe, Melvin Andreas Hamnes, Peder Edwin Greenfield, Nels Joseph Greenfield, and Harold Theodore Olson.

1921—Anna Mathea Swenson, Gertrude Viola Peterson, Lucille Margrette Nilsen, Clara Leonora Hamann, Lillie Victoria Carlson, Irene Winnefred Dale, Florence Bernice Berry, Irene Clarabel Alvina Nygard, Florence Vivian C. Warren, Helen Lucile May Johnson, Agnes Eliza Elkjer, Inga Amalia Pederson, Delphia Alida Sandbo, Aldora Madeline Bakken, Inger Olive Michaelson, Olga Marian Smith, Arnold Bernhard Tvete, Allen Gerhard Rasmussen, Sidney Owen Berkness, Edward Harold Mickelson, Millard Elliott Baklund, Clarence Bernhard Gundershaug, Harold Miner Olson, Morgan Allen Haug,

Harry Alex Z. Otterness, Arthur Christian Jensen, Clarence Fritjof Balke, Arthur John Hendrickson, Wendell Milow Nygard, Newell Whitefield Hansen, Werner Alton Peterson, and Beatrice Evelyn Sandbo.

1922—Adeline Marie Rasmussen, Evelyn Mariam Dahl, Stella Henrietta Pederson, Mildred Alvina Botten, Marvel Edna C. Carlson, Alice Georgina Farness, Selma Elvira Rude, Agnes Nelsina Jordahl, Inga Olina Larson, Esther Camilla Olson, James Palmer Pederson, Earl Francis Peterson, Clarence O. Lilleberg, Earl Arthur Garstad, Roy Stanford Birkeland, Harold Fritjof Nelson, Mabel Jeanette Gunderson, Ina Marian Pederson, Hazel Ruth Pederson, and Orien Ethel Peterson.

1923—Esther Annie Gundershaug, Alice Marguriete Edman, Gladys A. Solverson, Elsie Helena Anderson, Clara Genetta Lund, Warren Herbert Edman, Maynard Albin Gunderson, Adolph Clifford Jordahl, Earl Clarion Paulson, Joseph Allen Hanson, Christian Elroy Hansen, Ervin Benhard Ellingboe, Vernon LeRoy Swenson, Arthur Simon Anderson, Harold P. Farness, Ole Andrew Pederson, Trygve Pederson, and Alex Peterson.

1924—Alice Katherine Garstad, Lydia Charlotte Dahl, Elsie Aliene Baklund, Esther Charlotte Sandbo, Olive Marie Bergeson, Marie Pederson, Marion Amanda Quam, Juliet Naogne Swenson, Selma Irene Quam, Elvera Christina Jensen, Dorothy Miller, Mildred Rosell Greenfield, Gladys Regina Reigstad, Kermit Berton Rykken, Clarence Reuben Peterson, Newell Goodwin Dale, Adolph Engval Hendrickson, Marcy Filmore Baklund, Wallace Clifford Peterson, Elvin Leroy Erickson, Oliver Clifford Reigstad, Royden Archibold Otterness, and Leonard Raymond Dahl.

1925—Violet Elenora Haug, Marian Bernice Halverson, Opal Bernice Berg, Mildred Amanda Rusten, Marguerite Beatrice Farness, Nora Marie Nelson, Irene Ingeborg Rykken, Gladys Berthilda Haug, June Pernell Fladeboe, Ruth Olina Olson, Olive Adeline Jordahl, Helen Gesine Hanson, Verna Evangeline Otterness, Selmer Thorpe, Eddie Reuben Rasmussen, Henry Clarence Tvete, Harold Clifford Peterson, Earl Emil Gundershaug, Archie Gerhard Gunderson, Herman George Pederson, Glenn Moss Sandbo, Chester William Helmer, Harold Edward Anderson, Marvin Thorvald Lepse, Haina Gerhard Rude, Edward Harold Brecke, Murray Christian Hanson, Harvey Philip Nelson, Minard Parker Edman, Gordon Maurice Lilleberg, Alvin Russel Hamann, Robert Leroy Sanderson, George Orlando Hanson, Alvin Harvey Pederson, Roy William Pederson, Arthur Quam, Albert Melvin Olson, and Joseph Irvin Nelson.

1926—Helen Aleda Hendrickson, Lorraine Olive Simenson, Ruthorne Everett Estness, Paul Louis Halvorson, Arthur Marvin Anderson, Gehart Sanford Johnson, Juner Elvin Aasen, Roy Stanley Dale, Earl Harold Pederson, Allen Mervin Anderson, Sigvald Mandius Pederson, Clarence Albert Hamann, Swen Arthur Swenson, Roy Alfred Simenson, Erling Merriam Hansen, Arthur Jordahl, and Ernest Loyd Quam.

1927—Alice Sophia Anderson, Ethel Louise Berg, Norma Elizabeth Johnson, Doris Beatha Nilsen, Florence Dorthea Christianson, Alice Viola Dahl, Adeline Bernice Erickson, Anna Christine Gundershaug, Gladys Edith Gunderson, Pearl Lucile Hanson, Helen Bonia Nelson, Viola Naomi Nelson, Ines Leora Paulson, Merva Crystal Paulson, Fern Boletta Pederson, Myrtle Rosetta Rasmussen, Jean Gwendolean Sandbo, Clarence Arthur Dahl, Stanley Gordon Benson, Lloyd Hirman Edman, Orven Kenneth Fladeboe, Alvin Langager, Oscar Langager, Warren Sanford Lundquist, Clarence Alvin Olson, George Kenneth Swenson, and Ernest Conrad Tvete.

1928—Alice Marian Anderson, Elaine Henrietta Halvorson, Ella Adena Aasen, Myrtle Alvira Farness, Lucille Georgia Moe, Evelyn Victoria Farness, Verna Joyce Olsen, Edith Celia Johnson, Ruth Quam, Florence Corinne Erickson, Martha Elizabeth Oakland, Alain Rosely Ellingboe, Eleanor Marie Strom, Elmo Norman Greenfield, James Richard Garstad, Melvin Martin Olstad, John Hilman Johnson, Mentor Oliver Hanson, Lawrence Edward Johnson, Sigurd Pederson, Myron Delroy Johnson, Archie Carl Hanson, Lloyd Norman Rude, Christian Robert Nelson, Palmer Reuben E. Anderson, Norman Andrew Brecke, Bernard Melius Wareberg, Alf Leonard Peterson, Peter Olander Reigstad, Howard LeRoy Dalien, and Oscar Meldo Bleke.

1929—Clara Thorpe, Lettie Louise Loge, Mildred Lillian Fostervold, Stella Ruby Eliason, Violet Marion Gunderson, Eleanor Ruby Stene, Viola Margaret Gunderson, Eleanor Soldahl, Anna Mathilda Syverson, Esther Quam, Orla Lorraine Vetter, Borghild Theodora Estness, Gladys Elvera Lind, Marian Hazel Trulson, Myrtle Elvina Gunderson, Clara Jane Helmer, Olga Gudrun Syverson, Ruby Victoria Haug, Virginia Rosemond Fladeboe, Lois Virginia Lundquist, Ruth Johanna Hendrickson, Harriet Marie Moe, Clarence Clifford Mickelson, Norman Franklin Erickson, Leary Monroe Howell, Harlan Kruger, Clarence Olof Melby, Julius Ditlow Haugen, Elmer Thomas Hanson, Walter Howard Stene, Russell Melvin Haug, Francis Clayton Johnson, Theodore Earl Jordahl, Gordon Everett Lundquist, Martin Marius Anderson, Helmer Marius Dahlheim, and Stanley Bernhard Okland.

1930—Ethel Viola Peterson, Nora Olive Tvete, Josephine Swenson, Hazel Evelyn Jordahl, Marvis Ione Mekeland, Myrtle Pearl Reigstad, Lillie Evangeline Gundershaug, Dorothy Mennitta McCutchon, Gertrude Stella Johnson, Marvel Virginia McCutchon, Lorraine Luella Farness, Winnifred Beverly Sandbo, Lillian Marian Farness, Kathryn Elaine Ulvin, Myrtle Irene Nelson, Irene Lucile Berg, Julia Mae Anderson, Eleanor Gertrude Kallevig, Dorothy Mae Dalien, Pearl Adelina Gunderson, Noel Hilbern Haugen, Orville Wesley Hendrickson, Louis Herman Hanson, Selmer John Swenson, Arnold Schier, Elmer Arnold Reigstad, Arthur Obed Melby, Maynard Emanuel Lind, Johan Elmer Pederson, Clifford Henry Rasmusson, and Rose Ellen Halvorson.

1931—Margit Ovidia Pederson, Winnifred Muriel Peterson, Dorothy Hedevig Eliason, Stella Mildred Tollefson, Esther Dorothy Anderson, Margrette Constance Emberland, Geraldine Isobelle Kelly, Mildred Constance Alvig, Elenora Elaine Prescott, Agnes Lillian Bergeson, Gudrun Elizabeth Rude, Nora Rosemund Olson, Eunice Orpha Dalheim, Myrtle Lillian Hanson, Esther Okland, Irene Gladys Harstad, Florence Olivia Stene, Dolly Rosella Helmer, Valborg Charlotte Frieberg, Henry Millard Langager, Robert Myron Nelson, Roy Milford Madison, Otto Wesley Trulson, Emil Gerhard Kallevig, Maurice Willard Trulson, Chester Everett Kallevig, Morris Frederick Anderson, Marvin Raymond Ellingboe, Kenneth Gillmore Otos, Edward John Quam, Maynard I. LeRoy Christianson, and Clarence Gerhard Strom.

1932—Frances Delores Nelson, Myrtle Harriet Haug, Gladys Josephine Emberland, Doris Eilene Johnson, Heidrun Aslaug Fostervold, Hazel Olive Tollefson, Frances Adeline Gundershaug, Harriet Victoria Fostervold, Eleanor Anna Marie Rasmussen, Helen G. Fostervold, Bernice Charlotte Dalien, Nora Johnson, Irene Genevieve Johnson, Harold Norman Johnson, Emil Junior Mekeland, Bernie Glen Lilleberg, Donovan Raymond Erickson, Willard Howard Farness, Parker Roland Greenfield, Olav Peder Fostervold, Lloyd Marvin Erickson, Earl Willard Johnson, Everett Gordon Birkeland, Douglas Wood Lyons, Lowell Woodrow Bakken, Oscar Henry Loge, Orville Leroy Moe, Elvin Oscar Melby, and Alger Milton Myers.

1933—Thelma Sylvia Langager Ruth Opal Nelson, Gladys Cecelia Kallevig, Christine Swenson, Anna Lenora Melby, Ida Louise Madison, Florence Peterson, Lillian Evangeline Hanson, Clara Marie Haugen, Betty Elizabeth Youngberg, Vivian Irene Forsberg, Jane Marjorie Halvorson, Crystal Maxine Berg, Delores Maxine Kallevig, Gladys Purdella Tolbertson, Gebora Henrietta Norby, Courtland Jerome Dalheim, Stanley Cartwright Pederson, Robert Fredrick Jones, Walter Manley Rude, Ronald Emery Ostlund, Willys Franklin Fladeboe, Laurence Doaine Bakken, Lowell Ellsworth Johnson, Milford Stanley Larson, Robert Arnold Holland, Donald Harris Haug, Lloyd E. Reigstad, Earl Adolphus Otterness, John Mylo Roland Christenson, Waldo Russell Peterson, and Marvin Arnold Reigstad.

1934—Marjorie Ethel Gunderson, Olive Vivian Eliason, Ingeborg Rebecca Nelson, Rosella Evangeline Haug, Florence A. Kallevig, Esther Sophia Anderson, Gladys Lorraine Trulson, Evelyn Adeline Kallevig, Alice Elaine Nelson, Helen Marian Pederson, Joan Kathryn Quam, Geneva Jean Kores, Genevieve Geraldine Prescott, Thelma Elizabeth Johnson, Fern Gladys Simenson, Gladys Swenson, Mae Elaine Eunice Ostlund, Florence Martha Dalien, Lorraine Grace Howell, John Craiger Jones, Kenneth George Pederson, Arvis Juane Myers, Myron Eldred Isaacson, Clarence Orlean Birkeland, Alton Kermit E. Carlson, Willia Loren Hanson, Truman Lloyd Langager, Gerald Ludvig Han-

son, Clarence Oliver Emberland, Charles Roger Halvorson, Palmer Jasper Otterness, Daniel Robert Douglas, Orlyn Allen Stai, and Benjamin Noah Gunderson.

1935—Orral Helen Langager, Stella Harriet Anderson, Phyllis Irene Nygaard, Hannah Marie Johnson, Anna Bertina Akre, Alma Lenora Okland, Eunice Marian Rusten, Marjorie Mae Shamp, Ellen Margaret Gundershaug, Olea Violet Melby, Agnes Blanche Olstead, Laura Adeline Reigstad, Alice Evangeline Evenson, Evelyn Myrtle Bergum, Pearl Juliet Madison, Maynard Stanley Kallevig, Ralph Milton Pederson, Ward Brisbine W. Hanson, Richard Rasmussen, LuVerne Lewis Nelson, Ronald Henry Haugen, Merle Arthur Anderson, Stanley Gordon Nelson, Chester Leroy Olson, Luverne Harding Haug, Keith Milford Kelly, Kenneth Ruben Myers, Clarence Edward Jensen, Ervin Richard Goehring, Oliver Emil Quam, Duaine Elwood Flygare, and Ervin Victor Gunderson.

1936—Doris Marion Smith, Dorothy Marion Johnson, Evelyn Corrine Johnson, Elsie Jeanette Rykken, Helen Doris Pederson, Marjorie Lucille Birkland, Marvis Eleanora Hogan, Beatrice Lucille Alvig, Eunice Delores Falk, Birdie Grace Kallevig, Katherine Louise Neitzel, Alice Adeline Larson, Marie Swenson, Florence Pearl Frayseth, Marvel Lorraine Dengerud, Olive Viola Overson, Harriet Marie Loge, Rolf Einar Fostervold, Robert James Anderson, Kenneth William Bakken, Carlton Albin Johnson, Grant Leroy Farness, Morris Benjamin Hanson, Wilhelm Casper Johnson, Harvey Elroy Lind, Arlow Donald Hanson, Roger James Lobnitz, Woodrow William Lobnitz, Marvin Richard Johnson, Quentin Hans R. Norby, Donald Charles Miner, Ernest Norman Peterson, Roger Sheldon Erickson, Melvin Bennard Strom, Ellsworth Russel Quam, and James Benjamin Shamp.

1937—Myrtle Amanda Melby, Edwina Clara Hane, Evelyn Jeanette Stai, Genevieve Elaine Fransen, Mary Helen Langager, Marjorie Elaine Card, Norma Mae Johnson, Griselda Beatrice Norbie, Virginia Doris Johnson, Pauline Eleanor Norby, Delores Anita Jacobson, Ardith Marie Johnson, Shirley Carol Langager, Audrey Mae Myers, Lillian Anna Peterson, Fredieth Virginia Ruh, Alice Lorraine Johnson, Merold Sletten Tommerassen, Marvin Palmer Rusten, Odd Reidar Fostervold, Dennis Harlow Nelson, Donald Melvin Langager, Douglas Howard Langager, Morris Eugene Myers, Gordon Wendell Trulson, Robert Norman Birkeland, Arne Theodore Fostervold, Manford Arthur Otterness, Gordon James Goehring, Earling Reynold Emberland, Harland Elmore Meyers, and Robert Allan Peterson.

1938—Helen Lorraine Greenfield, Lois Ilene Smith, Marian Lorraine Tommeraasen, Joyce Margurite Fransen, Eunice Bernice Knutson, Eleanor Jeanette Otterness, Gladys Adelia Akre, Borghild Agnetti Friberg, Ruth Lorraine Gundershaug, Thelma Louise Johnson, June Maybelle Ruh, Ruth Wareberg, June Muriel Card, Lorraine Ann Shamp, Audrey Mae Nelson, Merlin Douglas Forsberg, Curtis LeRoy Mickelson, Robert Edward Johnson, Robert Delmont Frayseth, Lyle Lambert Strand, Lloyd Clarion Kallevig, Philip Nathanial Johnson, Arthur Donald Birkeland, Harold Thorvald Kallevig, Herman Julius Hookom, Francis LeRoy Haug, Floyd Kenneth Miner, Calvin Arnold Carlson, and Roy Clifford Madison.

1939—Doris Marian Peterson, Margaret Louise Nelson, Virginia Mariam Larson, Katherine Lorraine Frovik, Ilene Georgene Lindsoe, Mildred Irene Olstad, Alice Marion Johnson, Allegra Naomi Norby, Delores Elenor Hoiseth, Grace Irene Eunice Dalien, Harland Faust Halverson, Oliver Augustine Melby, Marvin Luther Lind, Mentor Kermit Goehring, Marvin Edgar Ostlund, Arnold Leanard Jensen, Kenneth Miles Otis Oslund, Ellsworth Clifford Magnuson, Frank Leonard Carlson, Luther Haaken Rodvik, Robert Julius Fransen, Earl Dennis Sandberg, Quinton Iver Hookom, Roy Leonard Martinson, Jay Arnold G. Jacobson, Lawrence Gordon Carlson, Carl Gale Martenson.

1940—Gustav Erick Johnson, Gordon Kermit Emberland, Gerald Allen O. Alvig, Marvin Donald Kallevig, Paul Robert Johnson, Mearl Emlin Nelson, Leroy Willard Olson, Vaughn Lowell Shamp, Donald Clifton Simenson, Orville Leonard Olson, Dean Barrt Smith, Roger Eugene Nelson, Calvin Roger Westphal, Dorothy Elaine Nelson, Anna Marie Birkeland, Clara Mathilda Johnson, Laurel Corrine Fransen, Marion Elaine Birkeland, Dorothy Ann

Card, Ruth Dagney Frovik, Margie Lorraine Carlson, Harriet Eloise Hookom, Dorothy Dean Johnson, Evelyn Maxine Johnson, Agnes Thressa Loge, and Thelma Wareberg.

1941—Marie Matilda Akre, John Burton Anderson, Luella Sylvia Arntzen, Marvel Arlaine Berg, Robert Wayne Forsberg, Virginia Mae Fransen, Donald Elmer Gunderson, Elenora Arlene Hansen, Elda May Hanson, Leander Harlan Hoiseth, Leo Henry Hoy, Curtis Vincent Jacobson, Margaret Ditson Jones, Orville Vernon Kallevig, Gladys Arlene Knutson, Loren Thorwald Lindsoe, Milo Clayton Mickelson, Carrie June Mortenson, Esther Louise Olson, Doris Daphne Ione Oslund, Elsie Magina Peterson, Vincent Gerald Quam, Marilyn Lucille Rykken, Delores Lucille Sanderson, Earl Merton Tommeraasen, and Elizabeth Ann Westphal.

1942—Gladys Eline Alvig, Harlowe Anderson, Betty Lou Card, Orline Morris Carlson, Vernon Clarion Carlson, Donald Lawrence Ditmarson, Margaret Lucille Fransen, Harriet Isobel Hillerman, Shirley Ann Hookom, Maxine Lucyle Howell, Alice Meriam Jensen, Eldon LeRoy Johnson, Earl Daniel Larson, James Howard Madison, Leonard Oswald Melby, Johnnie Odell Modtland, Joyce Arleen Nelson, Orlin Eugene Nelson, Audry Imogene Norbie, Robert Ira Olson, Roger William Otterness, Donald LeMars Peterson, Julian Robert Peterson, Virginia Dora Skoglund, and Duane Harlow Strand.

1943—Helen Rose Akre, Lois Marilyn Amundson, Betty Mae Berg, Marcella Lorraine Carlson, Arlene Winnifred Dokken, Thelma Sylvia June Farness, Dolores Beverly Gynild, Marcia Jeanne Hed, Carol Pernelle Mickelson, Beatrice Maxine Nelson, Betty Jean Reigstad, Delores Jean Shamp, Robert Duaine Nash, Ernest Carrol Modtland, Clifford Norman Kallevig, Milton Melbourne Hamann, Virgil Leonard Halverson, Robert Morris Goehring, Paul Orris Frieberg, Ronald Newton Fladebo, Maynard Emberland, Gerald Anthony Carlson, Maurice Ellsworth Bjork, Eugene Clarence Berg, and Eugene Carlton Anderson.

1944—Elmer Pederson, Eugene Nelson, Margaret Elaine Holland, Marlin Adolph Koestler, Phillis Ann Larson, Vern Everett Mortenson, Helen Jean Mortenson, Joyce T. Elaine Oslund, and Barbara Jean Risvold.

1945—Helen Marie Olstad, Doris Elizabeth Olson, Ruth Delores Akre, Jean Birkland, Charlotte Mathilda Danielson, Delores Ann Dokken, Evangeline Ann Farness, Vivian Elaine Haugen, Russell Hillerman, Betty Lou Hopkins, Dorothy Marie Hubbart, William Henry Magnuson, Burton Julian Mickelson, Arlene Grace Nelson, Iris Claire Nelson, Winnifred Helen Pfau, Gloria Rose Quam, Robert James Cornell, Ronald Loren Hanson, Robert Charles Holt, Marlyn Lee Peterson, Marvin Joseph Peterson and Donald Ellsworth Rykken.

1946—Marlyce Beverly Anderson, Laurel Jean Benson, Betty Virginia Berg, Carol Jeanette Berg, Marion Emberland, June Marion Gunderson, Lila Clara Johnson, Faye LeVonne Latterell, Geraldine Lois Ostlund, Donna LaVonne Simenson, Arnt George Arntzen, Randolph Stanley Arntzen, Eugene Orval Bruns, Virgil Alloys Bjork, Marlin Herbert Forstrom, Charles Mark Holt, Warren Du Wayne Lyngholm, Marjorie June Modtland, Donald Leon Nash, Carl Oslund, Harlyn Eugene Reese, and Maurice John Westphal.

1947—Lucille Carlson, Mary Jean Danielson, Marilyn R. Hanson, Betty E. Lang, Barbara Ann Olson, Rosamonde A. Pederson, Ruth Ann Peterson, Carol L. Trongaard, Arne E. Gynild, Simon R. Knutson, Myron M. Mayer, Vernelle L. Mickelson, Dwayne A. Netland, Ardene Peterson, Darrell C. Strand, and Marvin P. Vinje.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Matthew 28:19 we have Christ's command to us in these words "Go ye therefore and teach".

No ground could be better fitted for sowing the Word of God than in the heart of a child. We find the responsibility of teaching the children was felt by the early pioneers of our church and soon after the congregation was organized a Sunday School was started.

Altho it was a small beginning it soon grew and by God's Grace the fruit of labor in this particular field has manifested itself in consecrated lives to God and His Kingdom.

According to the records to be found the Sunday School was organized in the year 1877.

Torkel Olson and John Olson were the first teachers.

In 1887 there were six teachers with G. C. Haines as Superintendent. In 1895, O. J. Rollefson was Supt. and Conrad Wigdahl asst.

Others who have served as Superintendents are:

B. Aslakson	Isak Bassebo	Mrs. M. C. Nelson
Halvor Shipstead	K. T. Rykken	N. B. Leines
A. O. Borgan	Nels Quam	Mrs. H. O. Halvorson
Conrad Wigdahl	M. C. Dixon	Miss Inga Pederson
	Ingvald Rykken	

The present enrollment is over 300, which includes children from 4 years old through the 7th grade. Also a Junior and Senior confirmation class, a Junior and Senior Bible class and an adult Bible class. There are 26 teachers in all.

A Cradle Roll was started at the time Mr. Leines was Supt. with Mrs. H. O. Halvorson as its first Supt. Others who have served as Cradle Roll Superintendents are:

Mrs. Thom. G. Nelson	Mrs. M. B. Westphal
Mrs. Thora Nelson	Mrs. Theo. M. Anderson

Mrs. Carl Mayer

The number on the Cradle Roll is 132.

The teachers for 1947 are as follows:

In the primary department:

4 yr. olds—Mrs. Roy Carlson
Mrs. Julius Fransen
Evangeline Farness

5 yr. olds—Jean Birkland
Beatrice Nelson
Joyce Nelson

1st. grade—Mrs. Thora Nelson
Mrs. John Farness
Adeline Erickson

2nd. grade—Mrs. Juner Aasen
Mrs. Nick Nelson
Mrs. Wm. Latterell

3rd. grade—Mrs. Bernard Gundershaug
Mrs. John C. Anderson

4th. grade—Mrs. Ingvald Rykken
Ardell Nelson
Mrs. Folkert Itzen

5th. grade—Marion Birkland
Eugene Nelson

6th. grade—Mrs. Olaf Hovseth
Mrs. Clarence Berg
Hartley Rykken

7th. Grade—Mrs. Thom. G. Nelson
Arthur Hegreberg

Junior Conf. class—
Ed. S. Johnson

Senior Conf. class—
Mrs. Chas. Anderson

Junior Bible class—
Mrs. H. O. Halverson

Senior Bible class—
Roy M. Carlson

Adult Bible class—
Mrs. Edw. M. Elkjer

The Sunday School has for many years completely supported a foreign native missionary in Santal Parganas, India. The present one being Rev. and Mrs. Joseph.

Officers

Ingvald Rykken	Superintendent
Mrs. Edw. M. Elkjer	Asst. Superintendent
Mrs. Harry Dalien	Primary Superintendent
Mrs. Nick Nelson	Asst. Superintendent
Adeline Erickson	Secretary
Olaf Hovseth	Treasurer

Secretaries—
Curtis Mickelson
Burton Mickelson
Olaf Hovseth
Julian Peterson

Pianists—
Phyllis Olson
Mrs. Edw. M. Elkjer
Iris Nelson
Mrs. John C. Anderson

Cradle Roll Supt.—
Mrs. Carl Mayer
Mrs. H. C. Ditmarson, asst.

Flower Committeee—
Mrs. Thora Nelson
Mrs. Chas. Anderson
Ingvald Rykken.

CALVARY LADIES AID

The Willmar Sewing Society which later became the Ladies Aid, was organized July 16, 1887. Those who served as Officers the first year, were:

President.....Mrs. Theo. Osmundson
Vice President.....Mrs. Ludvig Wold
Secretary.....Mary Glarum
Treasurer.....Mrs. Quale

The meetings were held in the homes of the members, once a month and the dues were ten cents, the proceeds averaged from ten to twelve dollars for each meeting.

The charter members were:

Mrs. Hegge
Mrs. Quale
Mrs. C. A. Nelson
Mrs. Ekander
Mrs. Ole Rice
Mrs. Theo. Osmundson
Mrs. Bjorlie
Mrs. Moss
Mrs. Quam
Mrs. Wennerlund
Mrs. S. S. Glarum
Mrs. S. Bertelson
Miss Mathia Johnson
Mrs. Johanna Strand
Mrs. H. Rice
Mrs. John Johnson
Mrs. Miller
Miss Petra Quam
Mrs. Christianson
Mrs. Strate
Mrs. Linquist
Mrs. O. Selvig
Mrs. Dahlheim
Miss Quale
Mrs. Ludvig Wold
Miss Marie Peterson
Mary Osmundson
Mrs. G. Jenson
Mrs. A. G. Nelson
Mrs. S. Govig
Mrs. Wigdahl

During the year 1903, the Ladies Aid was very busy raising funds for the new church building fund. On September 9, 1903, they held their first meeting in the new church basement. All meetings were conducted in the Norwegian language until 1933. Then it was decided to conduct every other meeting in Norwegian or English language. At the meeting in September of 1933, a motion was made to conduct all the meetings in the English language.

The following members have served as President of the Ladies Aid:

Mrs. Theo. Osmundson
Mrs. S. Govig
Mrs. P. Rasmussen
Mrs. J. Johnson
Mrs. O. P. Rice
Mrs. Erick Holt
Mrs. J. Strand
Mrs. John Berg
Mrs. Severt Johanson
Mrs. H. P. Hansen, Sr.
Mrs. Nicolay Nilsen
Mrs. Andrew Melhus
Mrs. H. O. Halverson
Mrs. O. K. Severinson
Mrs. Arnold Erickson
Mrs. Martin Peterson
Mrs. J. H. Norby
Mrs. O. O. Ulvin
Mrs. M. B. Hanson
Mrs. H. M. Sletten

Through out these many years, it has been the aim and desire of the Ladies Aid to further the work in the Kingdom of God. Therefore substantial sums of money have been given to Foreign and Home Missions. Financial aid has also been given to the Church Schools and charitable institutions of the Lutheran Free Church, as well as to the local church treasury.

We are thankful to God for the blessings bestowed upon us in the past and we sincerely look to Him for guidance in the future.

President.....Mrs. H. M. Sletten
Vice President.....Mrs. R. W. Stanford
Secretary.....Mrs. H. P. Hansen, Jr.
Treasurer.....Mrs. Oscar Nelson
Ass't. Treasurer.....Mrs. Thora Nelson

DOVRE LADIES AID

The Willmar Lands' Ladies Aid was started in 1886 or 1887. The exact date is not known. There was one group south of Willmar, one southwest and one northwest. These groups elected Mrs. E. Ellingson as President. The groups met and worked separately but were together for the summer festival at which time a program was given and a sale held of all the articles made during the year. One of these festivals was held at the O. R. Sletten farm, the proceeds from which festival were to be used to purchase a church bell. Such a festival was also held at the Christ Otterness farm and the Ellingson farm. After three years the group separated. Mrs. John Olson was the leader for the three years. Then Mrs. Ole Thorson was elected president for the northwest group. Others who served as presidents were the following: Mrs. H. Warlum, Mrs. Christ Otterness, Mrs. I. Hokom, Mrs. G. Hanson, Mrs. John Syvertson and Mrs. Elias Kallevig who served for many years. The ladies always met early so as to give them more time for their work. The pastor always met with them and while the ladies worked the pastor or some layman read to the group from mission papers, such as Missions Tidende, Santhalmissioneren and Kina Missioneren, so the members were always well posted on mission work. During these early days anyone in the community could belong to the group and there were no dues charged for the lunch. Some of the early members were: Mrs. John Olson, Mrs. Mattias Olson, Mrs. Ole Thorson, Mrs. John Rasmusson, Mrs. O. R. Sletten, Mrs. G. Hanson, Mrs. O. Aslakson, Miss Martha Elgeross, Mrs. Helmer Martinson, Mrs. F. Syvertson, Mrs. H. Warlum, Mrs. O. Elgeross, Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. T. Christianson, Mrs. Ingeborg Christenson, Miss Julia Olson.

The ladies of the west part of the Eagle Lake congregation met at the home of K. T. Rykken to organize a sewing society. The exact date is not known but it was some time in 1887. This group was first known as Vestre Eagle Lake Kvindeforening and later Dovre Aid. Mrs. Agatha Rykken was elected president, Martha Ostenso, secretary-treasurer. The members present were: Mrs. Agatha Rykken, Mrs. Britha Rykken, Mrs. Britha Alvig, Mrs. Guro Thorpe, Mrs.

Martha Thorpe, Martha Ostenso. Several ladies who joined a little later were: Mrs. Eli Birkeland, Miss Christine Birkeland, Mrs. C. C. Birkeland, Mrs. O. Ruble, Mrs. Nerald, Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Christie Soldahl. Of this group only one member is now living, namely Mrs. C. C. Birkeland, who is now Mrs. Louise Skattos. In 1890 Mrs. C. C. Birkeland was elected president and Mrs. Ruble secretary-treasurer. Sewing, knitting and quilt making occupied their time. Articles of clothing were sent to the Home at Wittenberg, Wisconsin and to the Beloit Orphans Home. Proceeds from sales of fancy articles were contributed entirely to mission work. In 1898 they decided to support a teacher at Madagascar at $36.00 a year. In the year 1921, the membership having fallen off in both the Dovre Aid and the Lands' society, the two groups decided to join. Mrs. N. B. Leines was elected president, Miss Malena Hanson, vice president, Miss Gurine Elgeross, secretary and Mrs. Henry Bergeson, treasurer. The Fiftieth Anniversary was celebrated June 3, 1937, at the Elias Kallevig home, with a program in the afternoon and evening and a chicken supper between sessions. Numbers on the program included talks by K. T. Rykken, Rev. Michaelson and Rev. Nicolay Nilsen. Members of the Dovre Aid during the years from 1887 to 1920 were the following: Mesdames Agatha Rykken, Martha Ostenso, Martha Thorpe, Guro Thorpe, Britha Alvig, K. T. Rykken, O. Ruble, Eli Birkeland, C. C. Birkeland, Christine Birkeland, Nerald, I. C. Holland, Christie Soldahl, O. O. Rykken, T. Lepse, O. Dengerud; later the following joined the group: Mesdames Grorud, Ole Birkeland, Tosten Larson, Ed Hanson, L. Rykken, Estness, Hegstrom, Leines, Bergeson, J. Holland, C. T. Birkeland, C. Alvig, C. Sanbo, O. Tvete and O. J. Emberland.

Mrs. Leon Olson, President.

THE FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

This society is the oldest of the organizations in our congregation, having been started on January 26, 1885, only twelve years and a month after the organization of the congregation. It was known by the unusual name of "Mands og Kvindeforening" (Men's and Ladies' Aid Society) for the first fifty years of its existence. In October, 1936 the present name was adopted, but it still remains a society for both men and women—the only one of its kind in the congregation.

At the present time, as the name would indicate, the primary interest of the society is to promote the cause of Foreign Missions, but other worthy causes too receive support from the society.

Concerning the origin of the society we have an authentic statement in the form of a paragraph from a letter written by Rev. Ole Paulson, the first pastor of the congregation, which was read on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation in 1897. We quote:

"In the good old days it seems that the church treasurer's purse was always empty. That purse was just like a sack with a hole in the bottom of it. We tried all possible ways and means, but with the same sad results. It just wouldn't go. One day as we sat in church discussing this perennial theme somebody moved that we organize a Men's and Ladies' Aid Society. The motion was approved with great enthus-

iasm. It became a happy turning point in the history of the congregation. The work of the society has been of untold blessing for the congregation."

The first recorded minutes of the society now on hand date from a meeting held Sunday, August 15, 1886, at 4 p. m. and were written by Nels P. Rodnas, secretary. At this meeting Pastor and Mrs. M. Hegge and daughter, Mina, were admitted into the society. Halvor Shipstead, treasurer, reported that the monthly dues amounted to $7.90. A committee was elected to purchase and prepare suitable coverings for the organ and the altar in the church. At the next meeting of the society it was decided to give $15.00 to foreign missions and to pay $1.50 for lighting fixtures which had been bought for the church. Dues were ten cents per month for both men and women. In 1886 there were 27 men and 32 women on the membership roll. Apparently the society met monthly on call of the Pastor, immediately after a Sunday afternoon service.

Unfortunately, no minutes are now available for the years 1888 through 1903. The next secretary book begins with the minutes for January 1904. At that meeting it was voted to pay $500.00 of the debt on the new church which had been erected in 1903 and to send $10.00 to the Madagascar mission. The minutes of following meetings in 1904 reveal that the society bought screens and storm windows for the basement of the church, carpets for the aisles in the upper auditorium of the church, and song books for the choir. Also in 1904 they paid $36.00 on the salary of a native teacher in Madagascar and elected a committee to make arrangements for the dedication of the new church! The average monthly income was about $15.00 for "dues and lunch". Dues were now raised to $.15 per month for men but remained $.10 per month for women. Aside from this the society had an income which averaged about $80.00 from each of two annual festivals to which the whole congregation was invited: 1) A Fourth of July festival held outdoors, and 2) a Thanksgiving festival held in church.

This will suffice to give a little sample of the many activities of the society through the years of its history. Special mention should be made, however, of its most cherished projects, the support of native workers on the mission field in Madagascar. For many years the society supported Pastor Olafa who went to his reward in 1941, and now it supports Pastor and Mrs. Rajaonah.

In March of 1935 the society observed its fiftieth anniversary. Prof. A. Helland of Augsburg Seminary gave the address.

At present the society has a membership of sixty-seven men and women, and an average monthly income of about $12.00.

MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS

"Sing praises to God, sing praises
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises."
Psalm 47:6

Since the organization of the church, music has had an important part in the services. The first song leader in the early days was the Cantor (klokker). Those who served as cantors in our church were:

Torkel Olson	G. C. Haines	Conrad Wigdahl
Ole J. Pederson	John Sogge	Samuel Govig

The first choir was organized in 1896, the director was C. A. Baklund. Since then the following have served as directors of our choir:

O. J. Rollefson	Miss Doris Nilsen
John Sogge	F. E. Christensen
C. A. Nelson	Agnes Carlson Peterson
Mr. Hegstrom	Mrs. Harry L. Wahlstrand
Martin Bjornson	Karl Thurn
Olaf Sundt	Sylvia Fritz Frerichs
Rev. M. B. Michaelson	Julian Framstad
Helga Petterson Dochterman	Rev. C. G. Olson
Rev. Nicolay Nilsen	Miss Doris Larson

A Men's chorus was organized during the time Rev. Michaelson served this congregation. It was not active all the time, and was reorganized by Rev. Nilsen who continued as its director until his death in 1942. The chorus is now directed by Rev. C. G. Olson the pastor of the church.

A ladies chorus was organized in 1927, and met in the homes for rehearsal. A Junior choir which was sponsored by the Ladies Guild was organized about the year 1925, and was directed by Mrs. Ingvald Rykken. During the time Agnes Carlson Peterson was our choir director, she organized a Junior choir with Elsie Rykken as director.

A reed organ was used until about 1912, when the pipe organ was installed. The new pipe organ was dedicated the same year with F. Melius Christianson playing the dedicatory concert.

The first organist in our church was Alphia Paulson, who served from 1880 until 1886. Others who have served as organists are:

Mary Osmundson	Laila Holt
Mrs. L. M. Landing	Amy Berg
Agusta Glarum Johnson	Ethel Govig Putnam
Lena Glarum Bjornberg	Cora Osmundson Martin
Martha Moss Sandbo	Bernice Severinson
Clara Moss Johnson	Mrs. Ingvald Rykken
Clara Johnson Sjoberg	Martina Berg
Mrs. O. A. Jacobson	Gladys Peterson Janzig
Hazel Pederson Gynild	Mrs. O. O. Ulvin

Mrs. Hans P. Hansen Jr.

Mrs. H. P. Hansen, Jr.
Mrs. Ingvald Rykken.

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild was organized in February, 1927, under the inspiration and leadership of the late Mrs. Nicolay Nilsen. The need was felt for an organization in our church in which the young women, both single and married, could work and which would meet in the evening, the purpose of such an organization being to awaken interest and love for the Kingdom of God, at home and abroad and to aid in some measure in the financial and physical needs of the church.

Only a small number of ladies met in the church parlors for that very first meeting. Mrs. M. C. Nelson became the society's first President. Others of the charter members who are still with the Guild are: Mrs. Roy Danielson, Mrs. H. P. Hansen, Mrs. Charley Nelson, Mrs. T. G. Nelson, Mrs. Geo. Hillerman and Mrs. M. B. Westphal.

The design of the organization has varied through the years. For a time interest was shown in sewing but for the most part programs of an inspirational and educational type have been enjoyed, followed by lunch and a time of fellowship, permitting the ladies to become better acquainted. Also for a time the ladies were divided into five groups, that met once a month in addition to the regular meetings of the Guild. It was from one of these groups that the "Sunshine Group" of our church got its beginning.

The activities of the Guild have been numerous and sometimes unusual. As especially good projects from a financial standpoint will be remembered the musicals, rummage sales, stands at the County Fairs, serving for banquets and not to be forgotten, the three cook books that have been prepared and printed through the course of the Guild's twenty years of existence. The last book which was made in 1946 was printed in two editions and has proven to be an excellent seller. The committee who worked on this publication are to be commended on the fine work and earnest effort put forth.

It might be of interest and in its place to mention here some of the accomplishments made through funds raised. Within our church the Guild has had the privilege of donating towards the improvements on the church and building of the parsonage. It has purchased song books, music, choir gowns, carpets, curtains, Bibles for week day religious school, blackboards, folding chairs, the candelabra on the altar, to mention a few. The Guild has also a special project and joy —the purchasing of Bibles for the confirmands each year.

In the line of community affairs, donations are made to local charities. At one time a donation was made to aid in X-ray work following Mantoux tests in our public schools. A room was also furnished at the Rice Memorial hospital in Willmar.

In 1943 the Guild became a member of the W.M.F. under the influence of Mrs. C. G. Olson, and through this organization we share in the work of home and foreign missions.

In closing may we add, that as God permits our church and its work to go forward we earnestly invoke His blessings upon us so that we may increase in love to God and to our fellowmen and that our service may be a whole-hearted one.

Mrs. Alford Eliason, President.

CALVARY MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood of the Calvary Lutheran Church extends to the membership of the church its greetings on the occasion of its Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration. We of the Brotherhood have our modest share in the impressive history and growth of our present congregation and hope to continue our contribution in an increasing degree.

This organization was organized by permission from the church, granted at a regular meeting held Sunday forenoon October 1st, 1933, by request of a petition signed by the following church members: LeRoy Johnson, Otto Trulson, Arnold Erickson, Peter Botten, Ingvald Rykken, Hans P. Hansen Jr., Thor Kallevig and J. W. Haines. The first meeting was held Thursday evening October 11th, 1933. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Nicolay Nilsen, who presided at the meeting. Prof. Harry Wahlstrand gave a very instructive and impressive talk along brotherhood lines stressing its source of strength in fostering a closer fellowship amongst its members, in cooperating with other organizations in furthering the mission of our church.

The following were elected officers for one year: LeRoy Johnson, President; Melvin Westphal, Vice President; Otto Trulson, Secretary and Treasurer; J. W. Haines, Ingvald Rykken and Hans P. Hansen, Jr., Program Committee. Meetings were held the second Thursday of each month, with a literary program being given. A social time was held and a light lunch served. The meeting dates were later changed to the first Tuesday of each month. A constitution and by-laws were duly adopted at a meeting held Thursday evening December 14th, 1933.

The outstanding activities accomplished by the Brotherhood include the sponsoring of Boy Scout Troop No. 224, the installing of hearing aids in the church auditorium and the purchasing of a piano for the Bethesda Old People's Home.

The object of the Brotherhood is set forth in its constitution as follows: "It shall be the object of this Brotherhood to stimulate interest and good fellowship among the men of the church; to foster a true Christian understanding of loyal stewardship to the congregation and its affiliated churches; to carefully watch the young men and boys, and boys of confirmation age; to visit people who have stopped coming to church and make a vigorous effort to bring them back; to do all in our power to build up the membership of our church; to work in harmony with its other societies; help the pastor, and lay upon our hearts that we are engaged in business for Jesus Christ and must not neglect the duties assigned us".

The Brotherhood brings the men together, acquaints them with the work of the church and with each other and creates a feeling of unity and cooperation for the good of the church. Strangers have come to our midst and soon have established fast friendships and enthusiasm for church activities. That, we believe, is a real accomplishment. It makes the church a living human institution carrying on the work of our Lord among us.

Present officers are: President, Nick Nelson; Vice President, Clarence Lund; Secretary, Olaf Hovseth; Treasurer, J. H. Nordby.

Among those who have served as president of the organization during the years of its existence are: LeRoy Johnson, Melvin Westphal, Otto Trulson, Ingvald Rykken, H. P. Hansen, Jr., Luverne Nelson, Leonard Nelson, Alvin Langager, Arne Holt, Carl Mayer, Casper Johnson, Olaf Hovseth and John Anderson.

Nick Nelson.

BETHANY LUTHER LEAGUE

Bethania was organized in 1893. It began as a girls' society but in 1906 it was changed to a society for all young people and is now in activity as the Bethany Luther League.

From the very few early records available we find that Kaia Quale was the first president. Other early presidents and leaders were Mrs. O. K. Severinson, Mrs. Olaf Sandbo, Mrs. A. C. Johnson, Gusta Glarum, Mrs. O. Tomling, Ema Halvorson and Nellie Rasmusson RaDue.

One item of interest is that at the meetings of the society the waitresses wore white caps and aprons while waiting on tables.

The Bethany Luther League has raised money and contributed to missions, Lutheran World Action, American Bible Society, Luther League Federation, and many other Christian organizations down through the years.

Since 1940 the League has sponsored the Fireside Hours every other Sunday during the winter months.

For many years the League has been represented by delegates to the conventions of the Luther League Federation of the Lutheran Free Church and at district rallies and has promoted the Bible Camps with the result that a number of young people from our church have attended each year.

The Luther League strives to carry out the motto of all the Luther Leagues of the Lutheran Free Church which is, "The Young People For Christ and His Church".

PRESIDENTS SINCE 1932

Inga Pederson, Arthur Anderson, Elaine Halvorson, Marie Pederson, Myron Nelson, Adeline Erickson, Dorothy Eliason, Donavan Erickson, Theodore Anderson, Roy Carlson, Mrs. Orlando Nelson, Lloyd Kallevig, Marilyn Rykken, and Joyce Nelson.

Joyce Nelson, President.

DORCAS AUXILIARY

On February 1, 1937, a group of girls decided to form a society for the girls and young ladies of the church. Mrs. A. C. West, Mrs. M. B. Hanson and Mrs. A. Erickson representing the Dorcas Society of the church, met with the girls at the home of Adeline Erickson to assist them in the new venture. Mrs. Erickson gave a brief outline of

the work of the Dorcas Society and especially with reference to the work done for the Bethesda Children's Home, and the Old People's Home. The girls were invited to form an auxiliary to the Dorcas Society and assist in the work already carried on by that group. Hence the name "Dorcas Auxiliary" came into being. Charter members of the organization were: Adeline Erickson, Dorothy Eliason, Olive Eliason, Alice S. Anderson, Elsie Anderson, Clara Helmer, Clara Haugen, Doris Johnson, Gudrun Rude, Stella Johnson, Ruth Nelson, Thelma Langager, Inga Pederson, Louise Pederson, Marie Pederson and Margit Pederson. Marie Pederson was elected as the first President, Dorothy Eliason as Vice President, Elsie Anderson, Secretary and Clara Haugen, Treasurer. Inga Pederson was elected as sewing chairman.

The group meets once a month in the homes of members. Following devotions, the group is busily engaged in sewing fancy articles. The Dorcas Auxiliary sponsors only one project each year, namely that of a fancy article auction sale in the church parlors, the proceeds of which are used for worthy causes, among which is the furnishing and upkeep of a mimeograph for the church and the furnishing of church bulletins for Sunday services. A fine spirit of Christian fellowship exists in the group.

The following members have served as Presidents of the Dorcas Auxiliary:

1937, Marie Pederson; 1938, Clara Haugen; 1939, Adeline Erickson; 1940 and 1941, Ruby Peterson; 1942, Dorothy Eliason; 1943, Inga Pederson; 1944, Clara Cogelow; 1945 and 1946, Stella Anderson; 1947, Evelyn Olson.

Mrs. Melvin, Olson, President.

THE SUNSHINE GROUP

Greetings to the Calvary Lutheran Church on its seventy-fifth anniversary with our Sunshine theme song:

"There is sunshine in my soul today,
More glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthly skies,
For Jesus is our light".

The Sunshine Group was organized Dec. 19th, 1943 at the home of Mrs. H. P. Hansen, Jr., at which time it selected its present name and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Thom Nelson; Secretary, Mrs. Oliver Haugen; Treasurer, Mrs. Ella Eide.

A number of years ago the Ladies' Guild of Calvary Church divided its membership into several groups. One of these survived, and for years was known as "The Guild Group". Because of the loss of secretarial books it is not possible at this time to determine the date of the organization of the Guild Group. However, it was this group which met on Dec. 19th, 1943 and reorganized under the name "The Sunshine Group".

The work of the Sunshine Group has been as follows: Furnished new altar hangings for the church; new lamp for the pulpit; memorial gifts to missions; donation to Rev. Nicolay Nilsen memorial; Christ-

mas and Easter gifts to the old people at the Bethesda Homes; donation to the Augsburg Victory Building Fund; remembrance to patients in Rice Hospital on Christmas Days.

"He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ". Phillipians 1-6.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode;
The church our blessed Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
I love Thy church, O, God!
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye
And graven on Thy hand.

Memorial members are: Mrs. O. O. Ulven and Mrs. Sivert Benson.

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday afternoon of each month.

The present officers are as follows: Mrs. Ed. Selvig, President; Mrs. H. C. Ditmarson, Secretary; Mrs. Marie Haugen, Treasurer.

Other members who have served as president are Mrs. Thom Nelson and Mrs. Oliver Haugen.

Mrs. Ed. Selvig.

CALVARY MISSION BAND

The Calvary Mission Band was organized May 6th, 1944, with Mrs. J. C. Anderson as leader. The following officers were elected: President, Phyllis Olson; Vice President, Jean Langager; Secretary, Audrey Birkeland; Treasurer, Carol Trongaard; Pianist, Lucille Carlson.

The purpose of this organization shall be to teach the children about the Mission Work of our church, both at home and on the foreign fields, and to awaken in our children a desire to help bring the gospel of Christ to the utmost parts of the world.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, with the second meeting each month as a social meeting.

In December 1944 Mrs. J. C. Anderson resigned as leader and Mrs. Olaf Hovseth was appointed as the new leader, beginning in January 1945. The following have served as president: Phyllis Olson, Ardis Peterson, Carolyn Westphal, Cheryl Olson.

This is the youngest organization in the church, and being yet of a tender age we cannot point to any great accomplishments attained; but we are going forward in faith and hope, and humbly trust that our meager efforts will be greatly blessed and bear abundant fruit, and thus may be the means of saving many lost souls.

The present officers are as follows: President, Cheryl Olson; Vice President, Emily Gynild; Secretary, Patty Oman; Treasurer, Bonnie Holmquist. This is a youth organization of boys and girls, ages 8 to 12 inclusive. At present we have 24 members.

Mrs. Olaf Hovseth.

DORCAS SOCIETY

"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing"—II Thess. 3:13.

The Dorcas Society was organized February 14, 1912, at a meeting held at the Lutheran Free Church parsonage with Mrs. M. B. Michaelson as hostess. The name decided on was "The Dorcas Hjalme-Forening". The main purpose of the society was to help those in need, and at that time especially with sewing for the Bethesda Homes. Many and various articles of wearing apparel were prepared and contributed to the Homes by this group, not to mention financial aid. The first officers elected were: President, Mrs. O. P. Rice; vice president, Mrs. O. A. Jacobson; secretary, Mrs. M. B. Michaelson; treasurer, Mrs. P. Rasmussen. Present members whose names are recorded on the 1912 register are: Mrs. O. A. Jacobson, Mrs. J. Gramhill and Mrs. Christ Otterness. Charter Memorial Members are:

Mrs. Edward Hanson 1912-1946
Mrs. John Berg 1912-1945
Mrs. J. C. Strand 1912-1939
Mrs. D. Wolberg 1912-1930
Mrs. I. Bassebo 1912-1924

The following members have served as presidents of the Dorcas Society:

1912-13 Mrs. O. P. Rice
1914-15 Mrs. L. Gramhill
1916-17 Mrs. Christ Otterness
1918-19 Mrs. J. C. Strand
1920-23 Mrs. I. Netland
1924-25 Mrs. J. Elkjer
1926-28 Mrs. L. Skattos
1929-34 Mrs. T. G. Nelson
1935-36 Mrs. Chas. Anderson
1937-38 Mrs. M. B. Hanson
1939-40 Mrs. Hannah Tollefson
1941-43 Mrs. H. M. Sletten
1944-45 Mrs. P. Botten
1946--- Mrs. H. T. Langager
Mrs. H. T. Langager.

THE WILLING WORKERS JUNIOR MISSION GROUP

This Society was organized February 17, 1934, with Mrs. H. O. Halvorson and Adeline Erickson as leaders. It included children from third grade to confirmation age.

The first officers were: President, Helen Pederson; Secretary, Elsie Rykken; Treasurer, Evelyn Johnson.

1935 officers were: President, Oral Langager; Vice President, Marion Tommeraasen; Secretary, Lucille Birkeland; Treasurer, Mary Helen Langager.

1936-37 officers were: President, Pauline Norby; Vice President, Margaret Nelson; Secretary, June Card; Treasurer, Marjorie Card.

The purpose of this Society was to awaken an interest in Missions among the children, so our studies included both Home and Foreign Missions.

Meetings were held once a month and at different times for the public to represent our work. The "Mission Box" and "Church Extension" were two programs given in the cause of the W.M.F. and Home Mission work.

November 17, 1934, Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Helland, missionaries from India, were our guests, and January 12, 1935 Dr. B. Christenson from Augsburg gave us a talk on Home Mission work.

Our activities were hand-work, as sewing, etc., and in 1937 we made a large scrap-book of Biblical pictures including Old and New Testament and sent to the children in Madagascar. In return a very interesting letter was received from Mrs. Quanbeck. Quoting Mrs. Quanbeck she said, "I wish you could see the children here on the floor enjoying the pictures in that large book."

This Society discontinued in November 1937, at which time they presented to the Sunday School a sectional book-case, which now contains the Memorial library.

Mrs. H. O. Halvorson.

BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 224

In the fall of 1933, when the Men's Brotherhood of the Calvary Church was organized, they decided to sponsor a Boy Scout troop. This troop was duly organized May 31st, 1934. A troop committee was elected consisting of Otto Trulson, chairman; Thom. G. Nelson, Martin C. Nelson, H. C. Nelson, Rev. Nicolay Nilsen, and Alvin Langager. Melvin B. Westphal was appointed the first scoutmaster, with Gordon C. Lundquist as assistant.

The present scoutmaster is Neal Anderson; his assistant is Olaf Hovseth. Others who have served as scoutmasters are: Ray Meyers, Dr. P. R. Beckjord, and Lowell Bakken.

In 1945 the troop grew to its largest membership, that of forty-nine; several have now dropped out because they have outgrown scouting. The present membership is composed of twenty-two active and enthusiastic members.

The present troop committee consists of the following: H. P. Hansen, Jr., chairman, Rev. C. G. Olson, Alvin Langager, Dr. Theo. Anderson, Thom G. Nelson, Nick Nelson, Alford Eliason and John Anderson.

Neal Anderson

GIRL SCOUTS

Although the Girl Scout Movement is of long standing within the City of Willmar, the organization of a troop within our church is quite a new venture. Feeling the need for such a guided group within the church, the Ladies Guild decided to sponsor the troop by a motion passed at its September, 1944 meeting. A troop committee consisting of Mrs. George Hillerman, Mrs. Cecil Oman, Mrs. Carsten Amundson, Mrs. H. P. Hansen, Jr., Mrs. Martha Peterson and Mrs. Arthur Trongaard, was elected to take care of the matter. Miss Ann Oversea was chosen as Girl Scout Leader with Miss Helen Fossum as assistant. The Troop was officially registered as Troop No. 6 on October 21, 1944, with the following girls as troop members: Audrey Birkland, Marie Brix, Lucille Carlson, Roberta Ellison, Virginia Ellison, Marion Emberland, Helen Haines, Jean Langager, Donna Jean Mayer, Marion Nelson, Phyllis Olson, Ardis Peterson and Carol Trongaard. The same troop committee served in 1945 with Miss Audrey Sweiven as Leader and Miss Inga Pederson as assistant. In 1946 Mrs. Harold Holmquist was elected to take the place of Mrs. George Hillerman on the troop committee. Miss Inga Pederson served as leader assisted by Mrs. Fred Asche, who are also the leaders for 1947.

A Brownie Pack is also sponsored by the Guild. Mrs. E. R. Lohman served as Brownie Leader in 1944, Mrs. Theo. Anderson in 1945, assisted by Miss Leona Huso, and in 1946 Miss Delorus Nelson was leader, assisted by Miss Leona Huso. Brownie Leader for 1947 is Mrs. Sidney Call, assisted by Mrs. Neil Erickson.

Girl Scouts everywhere are becoming more and more a part of community, national and international life. They are learning within their own troops to be useful and active citizens, able to make decisions, to respect the rights of others, and to participate in group planning and the carrying out of plans.

The Girl Scouts and Brownies are indebted to the Ladies Guild for sponsoring this movement within the church, thereby offering guidance and help in various activities.

Inga Pederson, Scout Leader

AN INTERESTING LETTER IN NORSE

The following letter was written by Rev. O. Paulson in 1897 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the congregation, and is herewith reproduced as it appeared in its original form.

Lidt Menigheds Historie
Til Willmar Menighed.
Dyrebare Brødre og Søstre i Herren:

Det Havde Været mig en hjertelig Glæde at deltage i Willmar Menigheds 25 Aars Jubelium, men Herren vilde det anderledes. Jeg Modtog først eders venlige indbydelse ved eders kjære Præst. Men ved nermere overveielse fik jeg saa meget imod at reise saa lige ind under Jul, saa meget mere som jeg var slemt forkjølet, at jeg gav Past. Gynild afslag og bad ham holde mig undskyldt. Imidlertid udviklede Forkjølelsen sig til en ondartet Bronkit, saa at jeg for nærverende er aldeles ubrugelig. Jeg følte det paa mig at det var min pligt som Menighedens første bosiddende Præst, at skrive en liden historisk Fremstilling af Menigheds arbeidet i Willmar de første ti, tolv aar af dens Tilverelse.

Byen Willmar og Menigheden er næsten lige gamle. Byen og Menigheden har forholdsvis holdt Skridt med hinanden hvad den ydre vext angaar.

Jeg kan desværre ikke sige hvem som har organiseret Menigheden, men jeg har en dunkel Forestilling om, at det maatte have været Pastor O. Hanson, ogsaa kaldtes Rostad, some den gang var Præst i Meeker Co. Kaldet. Jeg har ialfald ingen Erindring om at Menigheden blev organiseret af mig. Paa antaget Kald fra de fire Menigheder, som endnu udgjør Willmar Kaldet tilflyttede jeg og Familie til Willmar i Førstningen af Juli maaned 1874. Inden den tid havde jeg nu og da imellem besøgt Menighedene med Præken og Ministerielle Foretninger. Strax efter den store Blizzard i Februar 1874 var jeg der i besøg. Jeg husker endnu saa vel hvilket Indtryk jeg fik af en Landsmand, som laa nede in byen med afskaarne Ben.

Parochialrapporten for 1874 utviser de konfirmerede medlemmers antal i hele kaldet at have været omkring 200. Af disse havde Willmar Menighed paa sin del 28 medlemmer. Parochial Rapporten for aaret iforveien er ikke rigtig. Da undertegnede tilflyttede Kaldet bestod Willmar menighed af 9 tildels smaa famelier. Nu er Willmar Menighed omtrent dobbelt saa stor som hele Kaldet var den gang, og Eagle Lake Menighed har idag alene saa mange Mennesker som alle fire in 1874. Vi var ikke blot faa men fattige i de dage. Der var kun et par mand her i Willmar some havde en Smule Mammon; ellers var de andre Nybegyndere og Nysettlere. Naar jek tænker tilbage paa den tid og de Forholde og sammenligner dem med vore Forholde, saa maa jeg forundre mig over, at vi kunde lægge ivei med saa skrøbelige Fremtidsudsigter. I de dage Kjendte vi ikke til Indremissionskassen af hvilke man kunde vente Hjælp; hver maatte "Paddle his own canoe". Sagen er den: Der var tro, haab og kjærlighed i hjerterne. Vi var ikke vant ved store Ting. Menighederne var smaa og fattige. Præsterne smaa og ringe, det paste saa godt sammen. Naar Menighederne blir store og fede, saa maa de have Præster efter

sit eget Hjerte. Alting maa være stort. Der var ingen kirker i kaldet uden den lille loghytten ved Eagle Lake. I Willmar holdtes Gudstjenesterne i det stygge urene Courthus. Det var næsten at miste Pusten naar man om Søndag morgen kom ind i dette Rettens Sted at holde Gudstjeneste. Gulvet glinsede af Tobakspyt og Tobaksaus og Stanken var næsten uudholdelig. Men vi havde intet andet valg, vi maatte finde os i det og takke til. Imidlertig bidrog dette mere end noget andet at vi saasnart fik Kirke i byen. Det er gaaet mig af Hukommelsen naar vi egently begyndte paa Kirken, men allerede i 1875 havde vi kirken i brug. Kirken var pen men inredningen svært simpel, stygge umalede Bænker, Predikestol grovt sammentømret, overtrukket med tøi. Prof. Oftedal med min assistance indviede den. Vore Venner af andre Leire misundte os et saa stort et Tempel.

Fattige var vi før, men fattigere skulle vi blive ved Græshopper hjemsøgelsen 1876 og 1877. Disse smaa Plagedyr levnede intet i to paa hinanden følgende aar, men forterrede alt som voksede paa jorden med undtagelse af grønt paa Prarien. Agrene stood om Høsten ligesaa svarte som om vaaren da sæden var saaet. Man havde intet at æde og intet at kjøbe for. Hvordan vi tog os ud var en gaade, men vi levede og ingen led Nød. Det merkeligste af alt var ingen klagede. Gudstjenester kunne vi have naarsomhelst, Søndag eller Sognedag. Næsten alle blev mer eller mindre religiøse.

Midt i denne Hjemsøgelse indbød vi Aarsmødet til Willmar. Presterne of delegaterne blev forbløffet da den kom og fik se Tilstanden. Der var intet grønt at se end gresset paa prarien. Der blev Neringsorg hos mange. Hvad skulle vi æde og drikke og hvormed skulle vi klæde os?—sukkede vist mange af de fremmede, men vi som vare gamle og vane tog Sagerne med ro og gav de fremmede alt de kunne fortere. Jg havde henimod 20 jester i mit hus, men vi følte vist ikke hungerens hare kvaler i den dage, og saaledes var det i alle andre huser.

Pengeindsamlinger til Augsburg. Der var flere allerede i min tid her i Menigheden. Jeg husker ikke alle ei heller husker jeg Beløbene, som blev samlet, men det husker jeg at Willmar har Tusener af Dollars liggende i Augsburg. I de dage, da den gamle Retning fandt sig kaldet at slaa os mod med Hensyn til indsamlingen til Fondet, da gik den, den gang lille Menighed i spidsen for indsamlingen. Menighedens Indsamlingskomite holdt møde i Præstens Kontor før de gik ud til andre og subskriberede $1000 sig imellem. Hvad man end maatte have at sige om Willmar Menighed, saa kan man ikke fratage dem den ros at den har været fuldtud Augsburg venlig. Men saa har den faaet af Svøben for sin Halstarrighed. Om jeg ikke husker feil, saa blev de udstødt af Synagogen.

Mands og Kvindeforening. I de gamle gode dage, da der altid var mangel i Kassererens kasse, det var med denne kasse næsten som det er med en vis sæk som har hul i bunden. Vi prøvede alle mulige midler med samme uheld, det vilde ikke gaa. En dag som vi sad i kirken og samtalede over dette Kildne Emne ver der en som foreslog at der organiseres en Mands og Kvinde forening. Forslaget vedtoges med stor Begeistring. Det blev et velsignet vendepunkt i Menig-

hedens Historie. Foreningen har arbeidet til usigelig megen velsignelse for Menigheden.

Det er ikke overalt man kan holde Bønnemøder fordi man mangler dem som kan optræde offentlig i en Forsamling. Jeg havde den store Glæde at faa inagureret regelmessige Bønnemøder førend jeg reiste herfra. Disse møder fortsetter endnu kun med flere og større kræfter.

Studenter. Dette kald begyndte strax jeg var kommen herop at benytte sig af studenter i deres sommerferier til Religionskole og Gudsords forkyndelse. Jeg er overbevist om at Menighederne bare har havt Velsignelse af denne ordning.

Jeg er ikke fædig med mine bemerkninger, men maa slutte, da Brevet maa i Posten. Dette er skrevet i hast og med ustø haand. Kjære Venner, vær forvissede om at jeg og familie har eder i kjær erindring. Modtag vor hjerteligste Hilsen. Herren velsigne eder og lade den kommende tid være ligesaa velsignet som den forbigangne.

Elders i Kristo Forbundne,

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